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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: January 24, 1983  
Spring in Texas - Don Johnson

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DECEMBER 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- DEC. 4, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWDL). Leader: Roland Olderog.  
Observers: Margarite Brockmeyer, Freda Krolik, Hal and Lyda McConnell, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind variable, 0-10 mph; 35° to 50° F.). 7½ hrs.; 58 mi. (35 species, 1117 individuals).
- 5, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Steve Brown, Richard Bunn, Peggy Duffy, Warren Finch, June Genier, Kathy Hawkins, Ken Lane, Pete Noel, Ron Noel, Dick Schottler, Doug Ward, Judy Ward, Elinor Wills. (Cloudy in A.M., clear in P.M.; wind variable, 0-5 mph.; 36° to 45° F.). 8 hrs.; 22 mi. by car, 3 mi. on ft. (49 species, 4850 ind.).
- 14, North Turkey Creek (Christmas Count Scouting Trip) (NTC). Observer: Warren Finch. (5 hrs.; 20 mi. by car, 1 mi. on ft.) (15 species, 179 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Denver Christmas Bird Count. (See addendum for compilation).
- 31, Friday. Barr Lake Christmas Bird Count (BARR). Compiler: Van Remsen. Observers: Robert Andrews, Bob Jickling, Barry Knapp, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Clear, sunny; wind 5-15 mph A.M., calm P.M.; 10° to 35° F.). Total party hrs. - 20; total party mi. - 144. (54 species, 8309 individuals).

| DECEMBER<br>AREA<br>HABITAT       | 4<br>NWDL<br>Plns | 5<br>CCRA<br>Plns | 14<br>NTS<br>Mts | 31<br>BARR<br>Plns |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Horned Grebe                      |                   | 1                 |                  |                    |
| Eared Grebe                       |                   | 1                 |                  |                    |
| Western Grebe                     |                   | 2                 |                  |                    |
| Great Blue Heron                  | 1                 |                   |                  | 1                  |
| Black-crowned Night Heron         | 4                 |                   |                  |                    |
| Canada Goose                      | 431               | 500               |                  | 608                |
| Greater White-fronted Goose       |                   | 11mm              |                  |                    |
| Mallard                           | 38                | 30                |                  | 1556               |
| Gadwall                           | 2                 |                   |                  | 2                  |
| Common Pintail                    |                   |                   |                  | 110                |
| Green-winged Teal                 |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |
| American Wigeon                   | 33                |                   |                  | 1                  |
| Northern Shoveler                 | 62                |                   |                  | 35                 |
| Redhead                           | 1                 | 1ma               |                  |                    |
| Ring-necked Duck                  | 12                |                   |                  |                    |
| Canvasback                        | 1                 |                   |                  |                    |
| Lesser Scaup                      |                   | 30                |                  |                    |
| Common Goldeneye                  | 21                | 500               |                  | 6                  |
| Barrow's Goldeneye                |                   | 1ma               |                  |                    |
| Bufflehead                        | 4                 | 25                |                  |                    |
| Common Merganser                  |                   | 2500              |                  | 10                 |
| Red-breasted Merganser            |                   | 1ma               |                  |                    |
| Northern Goshawk                  |                   | lad               |                  |                    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk                |                   | lad               |                  |                    |
| Cooper's Hawk                     |                   | 11mm              |                  |                    |
| Accipter species                  | 1                 |                   |                  |                    |
| Red-tailed Hawk                   |                   |                   |                  |                    |
| "Western" race                    | 2                 |                   |                  | 8                  |
| Rough-legged Hawk                 |                   |                   |                  | 6                  |
| Ferruginous Hawk                  |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |
| Buteo species                     | 1                 |                   |                  |                    |
| Golden Eagle                      |                   |                   |                  | 1                  |
| Bald Eagle                        |                   |                   | lad              | 1                  |
| Northern Harrier                  |                   | 11-ma, lfe        |                  | 12                 |
| Prairie Falcon                    |                   |                   |                  | 3                  |
| Merlin                            |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |
| American Kestrel                  | 2                 | 8                 |                  | 5                  |
| Ring-necked Pheasant              |                   | 5                 |                  | 73                 |
| American Coot                     | 12                | 3                 |                  |                    |
| Killdeer                          |                   | 1                 |                  | 4                  |
| Common Snipe                      |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |
| Sandpiper sp.(Yellowlegs or Ruff) |                   |                   |                  | 1                  |
| Glaucous Gull                     |                   | 11mm              |                  |                    |
| Herring Gull                      | 1                 | 100               |                  |                    |
| Thayer's Gull                     |                   | lad, 21mm         |                  |                    |
| California Gull                   |                   | 125               |                  |                    |
| Ring-billed Gull                  | 269               | 800               |                  |                    |
| Bonaparte's Gull                  |                   | 1                 |                  |                    |
| Black-legged Kittiwake            |                   | 11mm              |                  |                    |
| Rock Dove                         | 114               | 4                 |                  | 96                 |
| Mourning Dove                     |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Great Horned Owl            |                   | 3                 |                  | 6                  |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 1                 |                   |                  | 1                  |
| Common Flicker              |                   |                   |                  | 21                 |
| "Red-shafted" ace           | 6                 | 5                 |                  |                    |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                   |                   | 1                | 1                  |
| Downy Woodpecker            | 2                 | 1(H)              |                  | 7                  |
| Horned Lark                 |                   | 1                 |                  | 1107               |
| Blue Jay                    |                   | 5                 |                  | 9                  |
| Steller's Jay               |                   |                   | 18               |                    |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 6                 | 35                | 4                | 256                |
| Northern Raven              | 1                 |                   | 3                |                    |
| American Crow               | 1                 |                   | 4                |                    |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 2                 | 3                 |                  | 33                 |
| Mountain Chickadee          |                   | 1                 | 21               | 3                  |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |                   |                   | 30               |                    |
| Brown Creeper               |                   | 1                 | 1                | 3                  |
| American Robin              |                   | 7                 |                  | 19                 |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |                   |                   | 6                |                    |
| Water Pipit                 |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |
| Northern Shrike             |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |
| European Starling           | 40                | 20                |                  | 1761               |
| House Sparrow               | 6                 | 50                |                  | 892                |
| Western Meadowlark          | 2                 |                   |                  | 128                |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 3                 | 10                |                  | 1084               |
| Brewer's Blackbird          |                   |                   |                  | 2                  |
| Common Grackle              |                   |                   |                  | 3                  |
| <u>Brown-headed Cowbird</u> |                   |                   |                  | 1fe                |
| Cassin's Finch              |                   |                   | 3                |                    |
| House Finch                 | 12                | 25                | 2                | 170                |
| Pine Siskin                 |                   |                   | 40               | 3                  |
| American Goldfinch          | 4                 | 10                |                  | 6                  |
| Northern Junco              | 15                |                   |                  |                    |
| "Slate-colored" race        | 2                 |                   | 10               | 12                 |
| "Oregon" race               | 10                |                   | 10               | 49                 |
| Gray-headed Junco           |                   |                   | 10               | 1                  |
| American Tree Sparrow       | 4                 | 15                |                  | 97                 |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 2                 | 2                 |                  | 25                 |
| Song Sparrow                |                   | 5                 |                  | 55                 |
| Lapland Longspur            |                   | 1                 |                  |                    |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIES - 83</b>   | <b>35</b>         | <b>49</b>         | <b>15</b>        | <b>54</b>          |

ABBREVIATIONS: Plns=plains; mts=mountains; ad=adult; i, imm=immature; ma=male; fe=female; (H)=heard only

#### ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1982 REPORTS:

Common Loon 12-3 (2) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (DJW)  
 Black-crowned Night Heron 12-13 (1 ad) S. Platte River, Denver (FJJ)  
 Whistling (Tundra) Swan (1 ad. observed off and on throughout the month) Valmont Res. and Walden Pond, Boulder Co. (DJW); 12-4 (1) Chatfield (FJJ).  
 Snow Goose 12-3 (1 sub.ad.) Baseline Res., Boulder (DJW).  
 Hooded Merganser 12/1-21 (up to 12) Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (DJW)  
 Merlin 1-12 (1) 15 Cherry St., Denver (T S); 12-29 (1) S.W. Denver (FJJ).  
Parasitic (?) Jaeger 12/5-6 (1 imm) Union Res., Longmont (m.ob.) Details have been submitted to Records Committee for approval.



- ② Glaucous Gull 12-23 (1 2nd winter) Cherry Creek R.A. (DW).  
③ Thayer's Gull 12-3 (1 ad) Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (JW); 12-12 (1 imm) Baseline Res., Boulder Co.; 12-19 (1 imm) Baseline Res.; 12-23 (1 ad., 4 imm) Cherry Creek R.A. (DW).  
California Gull 12/11-12 (up to 8) Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (DW).  
Marsh Wren 12-4 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12-31 (1 ma. found dead) Lakewood (VR).  
④ Field Sparrow 11/18-12/21 (1 ad.) 76th St., Boulder Co. (BJ, MH).  
Harris' Sparrow 12/25ol/2/83 (1) Lakewood (VR).

CONTRIBUTORS: Mark Holmgren (MH), Bob Jickling (BJ), Frank and Jan Justice (FJJ), Van Remsen (VR), Ted Stockmar (TS), Doug and Judy Ward (DJW).

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FEBRUARY MEETING: February 28, 1983  
In the Mountains of New Guinea - Tom Strong

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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CORRECTION: The November 7, 1982 field trip to Cherry Creek Recreation Area was led by Floyd Pendell, not Warren Finch as indicated.

FOR BEGINNING BIRD WATCHERS: Beginning bird watchers will enjoy the course offered to them by Denver Audubon Society. Taught by D.F.O. members Urling and Hugh Kingery, the course aims to teach beginners how to identify birds on their own. The course has two evening sessions, Mondays March 7 and 28, plus six Saturday morning field trips March 12 to April 16. The field trips go to Chatfield, Barr Lake, Red Rocks, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and Genessee Mountain. Tuition for the eight-session class is \$65. For registration, call Denver Audubon Society (399-3219) or send a check for your tuition along with your name, address and evening and daytime telephone number to DAS, 1720 Race Street, Denver 80206.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for DFO please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

CONTRIBUTIONS STILL ACCEPTED: Due to hang-ups (no pun intended) with the telephone company and installation schedules, the "Rare Bird Alert System" is still in a holding pattern. However, contributions toward initial costs will be appreciated and they are tax deductible. Payments may be made to Denver Field Ornithologists, c/o Robert Righter, Treasurer, 2685 S. Dayton, Denver, Colorado 80231.

CARPOOLING: Mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car, including the driver.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING: As membership fees are paid, we will be updating the mailing list. If you or some member you know have not received some issues of the Lark Bunting, please inform the Treasurer so that corrections can be made. Make inquiries to Robert Righter, 2685 S. Dayton Way #207, Denver, Colorado 80231 (337-6434).

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

John and Susan Trumble, 6407 N. Willow Brook Trail, Littleton, Colo. 80125 (973-8622)

Robert and Rosa Lee Brace, 13111 W. Ohio Ave., Denver, Colo. 80228 (986-6223)



LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT  
1982 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jack Reddall, Compiler

Kathy Hawkins, Co-compiler  
Hugh Kingery, Co-compiler

December 18, 1982: 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Morning: Mostly clear. Afternoon: Mostly clear. Precipitation: None. Temperature: 18° to 50 F. Wind: From the northwest, 0-40 MPH. Snow Cover: 0" to 6". Fresh Water: Partly open. Wild Food Crop: Good. Observers: One hundred and thirty-four, 96 in 31 parties with 38 at feeders. Total Party Hours: 224.75 (137.25 on foot, 87.50 by car). Total Party Miles: 671.50 (126.00 on foot, 545.50 by car). TOTALS: 103 species with 9 additional races. About 27,607 individuals.

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (Leaders underlined)

- AREA 1: Red Rocks Park. Winston William Brockner, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Larry Kleeman.
- AREA 2: Lower Bear Creek. Robert Spencer, Phyllis Caswell, Thompson Marsh, Diana Mullineaux, Sue Patterson, Mary Jane Schock.
- AREA 2A: Bear Creek Reservoir. Judy Ward, Don and Lee Johnson, Mary Safford.
- AREA 3: Joe Roller, Peter Gent.
- AREA 4A: Lower South Platte. Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Breckon, John and Joyce Cooper, Glenna Corey, Esther Dittmar, Alan and Dee Hay, Herman Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Floyd Pondell, Don and Jo Shrode.
- AREA 4B: Lower South Platte. Bob Rozinski, Doug Mead, Carol Potera, Wendy Shattil.
- AREA 5: Highline Ditch. Dieter Kamm, Mel Gabel.
- AREA 6: Plum Creek. Fred Hager, Mary Jane Black, John Bregar.
- AREA 7A: Middle South Platte. David Hutchinson, Karen Hutchinson, Joe Studer.
- AREA 7B: Middle South Platte. Hugh Kingery, Ann Bonnell, Claudia Kale, Urling Kingery, Pat and Wade Leitner.
- AREA 8: Chatfield Reservoir. Frank and Jan Justice, Bob Andrews, Patty Echelmeyer, Kathy Hirst, Mark Holmgren, Joan Kats, Marion Leland, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Eleanor Walker, Wayne Wathen, Al Wuth, Martha and Miriam Zoeteway.
- AREA 9: Upper South Platte. Jerome Besser, Blake Besser.
- AREA 10: Lower Deer Creek. Lynn Willcockson, Doris Dugas.
- AREA 11: Upper Deer Creek. Tim Schowalter, Susan Trumble.
- AREA 12: Yegge Peak. Drew Grainger, Terry Ruiter.
- AREA 13: Doublehead Mountain. Robert Righter, Rij and Sandra Westendorf.
- AREA 14: North Turkey Creek. Warren Finch, Sue Brenman, John Cohen, Kenneth La Borde.
- AREA 15A: Indian Hills. Duane Nelson, John Leonard, David Martin.

AREA 15B: Indian Hills. Dick Schottler.

AREA 16: Upper Bear Creek. Dick Pratt, Mollie Graves, Bob Robinson.

AREA 17: Ken-Caryl Ranch. Kate Kittleman, Jeff Burleson, Lynn Wohfeld.

AREA 18: Garrison Gate. Paul Rechel, Dave Dominick, Allen Stokes.

AREA 19: Morrison-Willow Brook Estates. Kathy Hawkins.

AREA 20: Willow Creek. Philip Hayes, Mark Heifner.

AREA 21: Mount Lindo to Willow Springs. Walter Bull, Ruth Bull, Jerry Caird.

FEEDERS: Plains. Margo Breen, Betty Buch, Eleanor Buchtel, Anne Carson, Betty Chrisman, Julie Derschang, Sarah Duran, Charles Fink, Bobby Frazier, J. S. Grutza, N. L. Kautsky, Linda La Borde, Dale Leonhart, Edwin D. McKee, Sylvia Nelson, Mary Nigro, Nonie Ragsdale, Leone Rowe, Nita Sarver, Connie Sebald, Anne Southcott, Donald G. Wargo.

Foothills. Faye Benway, Gay Bishop, Charles Bottinelli, Sara Duran, J. P. Fairall, Bill Freeman, Matt Hrebar, Alicia Kamm, Lila Kint, Grace McKinney, Harold and Doris McLaughlin, M. S. M'Gillycuddy, Brynelle Robertson, David Stephenson, Helen Waters.

## PART ONE

Dec. 18, 1982

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## PART ONE (continued)

| AREA NUMBER<br>LOCATION | 1<br>RRP | 2<br>LBCK | 2A<br>BCR | 3<br>BMAR | 4A<br>LSPR | 4B<br>LSPR | 5<br>HLD | 6<br>PCK | 7A<br>MSP | 7B<br>MSP | 8<br>CHSP | 9<br>USP | 10<br>LDC | 11<br>UDC |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Northern Goshawk        |          | 1im       |           |           |            |            |          |          |           | 1         | 1         | 1im      |           |           |
| Red-tailed Hawk         |          | 4         | 1         | 3         | 4          | 2          |          | 2        |           | 2         |           |          |           |           |
| "Harlan's" race         |          |           |           |           |            |            | 1        |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Ferruginous Hawk        |          |           | 1         |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Rough-legged Hawk       |          |           | 1         |           |            |            | 1        |          | 1         |           |           |          | 2         |           |
| Buteo sp.               |          |           |           |           | 1          |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Golden Eagle            |          |           | 3         |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          | 1         |           |
| American Kestrel        |          | 3         | 3         | 4         | 6          |            | 1        | 1        | 5         | 4         | 2         | 1        | 1         |           |
| Merlin                  |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 1         |           |           |          |           |           |
| Prairie Falcon          |          | 2         | 1         | 1         |            |            |          |          |           |           | 1         |          |           |           |
| Ring-necked Pheasant    |          |           |           |           |            |            |          | 1        | 3         | 4         | 9         |          |           |           |
| Virginia Rail           |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 1         | 3         | 1         |          |           |           |
| American Coot           |          |           |           | 13        | 40         |            |          |          |           |           | 160       |          |           |           |
| Killdeer                |          | 3         |           |           |            |            | 1        |          | 3         |           | 2         |          |           |           |
| Common Snipe            |          | 2         | 3         |           |            | 1          |          |          | 3         |           |           | 1        |           |           |
| Ring-billed Gull        |          | 152       | 7         | 102       | 221        | 315        |          | 3        | 8         |           | 65        |          |           |           |
| California Gull         |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           | 15        |          |           |           |
| Herring Gull            |          |           | 1         | 18        | 2          | 3          |          |          | 2         |           | 48        |          |           |           |
| Thayer's Gull           |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           | 1im       |          |           |           |
| Gull sp.                |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 35        |           |           |          |           |           |
| Rock Dove               | 17       | 76        | 14        | 160       | 162        |            | 48       |          | 13        | 1         |           |          |           |           |
| Mourning Dove           |          |           |           | 1         |            | 3          |          |          |           |           |           |          | 12        |           |
| Eastern Screech-Owl     |          |           |           |           | 1          |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Great Horned Owl        |          | 2         | 2         |           |            | 2          |          | 1        | 1         | 2         | 7         |          | 1         |           |
| Long-eared Owl          |          |           |           |           |            |            |          | 1        |           |           |           |          | 1         |           |
| Belted Kingfisher       |          | 9         | 3         | 1         | 4          | 7          |          | 1        | 8         |           | 1         |          |           |           |
| Downy Woodpecker        |          | 3         |           |           | 4          |            | 3        | 5        | 8         | 2         | 2         | 1        |           |           |
| "Batchelder's"          |          |           | 1         |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          | 2         |           |
| eastern races           |          |           | 1         |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Hairy Woodpecker        |          |           |           |           |            |            |          | 1        | 2         | 1         |           |          |           |           |
| "Rocky Mountain"        |          |           | 1         |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| eastern races           |          |           | 2         |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Northern Flicker        |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| "Red-shafted" race      | 7        | 35        | 7         | 26        | 13         | 6          | 2        | 8        | 8         | 16        | 5         |          | 3         | 1         |
| Horned Lark             |          |           |           |           |            |            | 100      |          |           | 8         | 43        |          |           |           |
| Steller's Jay           |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          | 12        | 60        |
| Blue Jay                |          |           |           |           | 3          |            |          |          |           |           |           |          | 1         |           |
| Scrub Jay               | 6        |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           | 6        | 14        |           |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 54       | 146       | 28        | 120       | 116        | 37         | 46       | 9        | 70        | 50        | 52        | 4        | 23        | 5         |
| American Crow           |          | 1         | 1         |           | 1          |            | 2        |          |           |           | 2         |          | 4         | 3         |
| Common Raven            | 4        |           |           |           |            |            | 5        |          | 4         |           | 1         | 3        |           | 2         |
| Black-cap. Chickadee    | 3        | 4         | 16        | 2         | 8          | 2          | 7        | 8        | 45        | 42        | 16        | 20       | 3         | 3         |
| Mountain Chickadee      | 4        |           | 5         |           |            |            |          |          | 5         | 2         | 2         | 4        | 5         | 12        |
| Bushtit                 |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 8         |           |           | 35       |           |           |
| White-br. Nuthatch      |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 6         |           |           | 1        | 2         |           |
| Pygmy Nuthatch          |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          | 4         |           |
| Brown Creeper           |          | 3         | 1         |           |            |            |          |          | 1         | 2         | 2         |          |           |           |
| Canyon Wren             | 6        |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           | 1        | 2         |           |
| Marsh Wren              |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 1         |           |           |          |           |           |
| American Dipper         |          | 1         | 1         |           |            |            |          |          | 18        |           |           | 1        |           |           |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 1         |           |           |          |           |           |



PART ONE (continued)

| AREA NUMBER<br>LOCATION | 1<br>RRP | 2<br>LBCK | 2A<br>BCR | 3<br>BMAR | 4A<br>LSPR | 4B<br>LSPR | 5<br>HLD | 6<br>PCK | 7A<br>MSP | 7B<br>MSP | 8<br>CHSP | 9<br>USP | 10<br>LDC | 11<br>UDC |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Townsend's Solitaire    | 16       | 1         |           | 1         |            |            |          |          |           |           |           | 6        | 4         | 1         |
| American Robin          | 2        | 12        |           |           | 3          |            |          |          | 3         | 1         |           |          |           |           |
| Cedar Waxwing           |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           | 4         |           |          |           |           |
| Northern Shrike         |          |           |           |           |            |            |          | 1        |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| European Starling       |          | 256       | 2         | 322       | 481        | 223        | 101      |          | 108       |           | 20        |          | 14        |           |
| Rufous-sided Towhee     | 1        |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 1         |           | 2         | 2        | 3         | 1         |
| Am. Tree Sparrow        | 1        | 2         | 40        | 20        | 6          | 158        | 30       | 35       | 350       | 116       | 105       | 12       | 10        |           |
| Fox Sparrow             |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 1         |           |           |          |           |           |
| Song Sparrow            | 1        | 5         | 25        | 3         | 5          | 3          | 4        | 11       | 106       | 38        | 75        | 3        | 4         |           |
| Swamp Sparrow           |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 2         | 1         |           |          |           |           |
| White-thr. Sparrow      |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 1         |           |           |          |           |           |
| White-crown. Sparrow    |          | 3         |           |           | 14         | 16         |          | 5        | 8         |           | 10        |          |           |           |
| Harris' Sparrow         |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 2         |           |           |          |           |           |
| Dark-eyed Junco         |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| "White-wing." race      | 2        |           |           |           | 1          |            |          |          | 3         | 1         |           | 1        |           |           |
| "Slate-color" race      | 12       |           | 1         |           | 1          |            | 3        |          | 47        | 2         | 5         | 13       |           | 3         |
| "Oregon" race           | 35       |           |           | 2         | 3          |            | 6        | 7        | 214       | 9         | 10        | 50       | 33        | 17        |
| "Gray-headed" race      | 26       | 5         |           |           | 3          |            | 1        | 1        |           | 7         | 1         | 3        | 37        | 10        |
| "Pink-sided" form       |          | 20        | 8         |           |            |            |          |          |           | 11        |           |          |           |           |
| Junco sp.               |          |           | 5         |           | 5          |            |          |          |           | 51        |           |          |           |           |
| Red-winged Blackbird    |          | 118       | 2         |           | 40         | 5          |          | 45       | 265       | 28        | 210       |          |           |           |
| Western Meadowlark      |          |           |           |           |            |            | 20       |          | 2         | 8         |           |          | 4         |           |
| Brewer's Blackbird      |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          | 4         |           |           |          |           |           |
| Common Grackle          |          |           |           |           | 2          |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Rosy Finch              |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| "Gray-crown" race       | 2        |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| "Black" race            | 20       |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Cassin's Finch          |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           | 5        |           |           |
| House Finch             | 14       | 63        | 16        | 16        | 36         | 8          | 6        |          | 9         | 14        | 10        | 4        | 2         |           |
| Pine Siskin             | 1        |           |           |           |            |            |          | 9        | 7         | 1         |           |          | 1         |           |
| American Goldfinch      |          | 1         | 9         |           |            |            |          |          | 11        | 110       | 3         |          | 4         |           |
| Evening Grosbeak        |          |           |           |           |            |            |          |          |           |           |           |          | 1         |           |
| House Sparrow           |          | 10        |           | 56        | 39         |            | 21       |          | 4         |           |           |          |           |           |
| TOTAL SPECIES           | 17       | 40        | 34        | 34        | 38         | 27         | 22       | 22       | 47        | 31        | 56        | 21       | 30        | 10        |
| RACES                   | 5        | 0         | 2         | 0         | 3          | 0          | 2        | 1        | 2         | 3         | 2         | 3        | 1         | 2         |
| FORMS                   | 0        | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS       | 234      | 3386      | 343       | 3381      | 2009       | 3958       | 692      | 182      | 1655      | 603       | 1753      | 179      | 260       | 118       |

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|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <u>Ross' Goose</u>      |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 6              |
| Canada Goose            |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           | 1050      |           | 548          |              | 9970           |
| Wood Duck               |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 7              |
| Green-winged Teal       |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 95             |
| Mallard                 |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           | 3         |           | 16           |              | 970            |
| Northern Pintail        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 35             |
| Northern Shoveler       |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 20             |
| Gadwall                 |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           | 3         |           |           |              |              | 77             |
| American Wigeon         |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 3            |              | 331            |
| Canvasback              |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 10             |
| Redhead                 |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 6              |
| Ring-necked Duck        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 33             |
| Lesser Scaup            |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 24             |
| Common Goldeneye        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           | 4         |           |              |              | 74             |
| Bufflehead              |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 28             |
| Hooded Merganser        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 16             |
| Common Merganser        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           | 10        |           |              |              | 409            |
| Red-br. Merganser       |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 9              |
| Ruddy Duck              |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 2              |
| Bald Eagle              |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 2              |
| Northern Harrier        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1            |              | 22             |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk      |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Cooper's Hawk           |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Northern Goshawk        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 4              |
| Red-tailed Hawk         | 1         |           |           |            |            |           |           | 3         |           | 1         |           | 1            | 1            | 25             |
| "Harlan's" race         |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Ferruginous Hawk        |           |           |           |            |            |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |              |              | 3              |
| Rough-legged Hawk       |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |              |              | 6              |
| Buteo sp.               |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Golden Eagle            |           |           |           |            |            | 1im       | 1im       |           | 1ad       | 3im       |           | 2            |              | 12             |
| American Kestrel        |           |           |           |            |            |           | 4         |           |           | 2         | 1         | 1            |              | 39             |
| Merlin                  |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Prairie Falcon          |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 5              |
| Hawk sp.                |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1            |              | 1              |
| Ring-necked Pheasant    |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 17             |
| Virginia Rail           |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 5              |
| American Coot           |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 16           |              | 229            |
| Killdeer                |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |              |              | 11             |
| Common Snipe            |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 10             |
| Ring-billed Gull        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           | 66        |           |              |              | 939            |
| <u>California Gull</u>  |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 15             |
| <u>Herring Gull</u>     |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 74             |
| <u>Thayer's Gull</u>    |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Gull sp.                |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 79           |              | 114            |
| Rock Dove               |           | 6         | 7         | 1          | 2          | 8         | 42        |           | 36        | 107       | 2         | 9            |              | 711            |
| Mourning Dove           |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 16             |
| Eastern Screech-Owl     |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1            |              | 2              |
| Great Horned Owl        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1            | 1            | 20             |
| Long-eared Owl          |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 2              |
| Belted Kingfisher       |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           | 1         |           |           | 1            |              | 36             |
| Downy Woodpecker        |           | 1         |           |            | 4          |           | 1         | 2         | 2         |           |           |              | 7            | 45             |

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| Downy Woodpecker        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 6              |
| "Batchelder's"          |           |           | 2         | 1          |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| eastern races           |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Hairy Woodpecker        |           | 1         |           |            | 1          |           |           |           |           |           |           |              | 16           | 22             |
| "Rocky Mountain"        |           |           | 2         | 1          |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 4              |
| eastern races           |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 2              |
| Northern Flicker        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              |                |
| "Red-shafted" race      |           |           | 1         | 3          | 2          |           | 2         | 3         | 2         | 5         | 2         | 45           | 6            | 208            |
| Horned Lark             |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 151            |
| Steller's Jay           | 14        | 22        | 40        | 18         | 29         | 6         |           | 60        | 4         |           | 26        | 9            | 201          | 501            |
| Blue Jay                |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           | 2         |           | 37-?         |              | 43             |
| Scrub Jay               |           |           | 1         | 2          |            | 2         | 47        | 12        | 12        |           | 17        | 28           |              | 147            |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 6         | 5         | 20        | 3          | 41         | 10        | 37        | 6         | 36        | 22        | 28        | 109          | 21           | 1104           |
| American Crow           |           | 25        | 1         | 66         | 33         | 18        | 71        | 4         |           |           |           | 5            | 69           | 306            |
| Common Raven            | 6         | 3         | 25        | 1          |            | 1         | 7         | 2         | 2         | 1         | 3         |              |              | 70             |
| Black-cap. Chickadee    |           |           | 10        | 2          |            | 4         | 84        | 5         | 11        | 2         | 26        | 38           | 42           | 403            |
| Mountain Chickadee      | 21        | 75        | 25        | 38         | 26         | 4         |           | 20        | 7         |           | 52        | 6            | 94           | 407            |
| Bushtit                 |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 43             |
| Red-br. Nuthatch        |           |           | 3         |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1            | 10           | 14             |
| White-br. Nuthatch      | 2         | 1         | 8         | 7          | 2          |           |           | 4         |           |           | 2         |              | 17           | 52             |
| Pygmy Nuthatch          | 4         | 60        | 65        | 55         | 60         |           |           | 4         |           |           |           |              | 52           | 304            |
| Brown Creeper           | 2         | 2         |           | 3          | 1          |           |           |           |           |           |           |              | 2            | 19             |
| Canyon Wren             |           | 1         |           |            |            | 1         | 1         |           |           |           |           |              |              | 12             |
| Marsh Wren              |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| American Dipper         |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |              |              | 23             |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Townsend's Solitaire    |           | 1         | 10        | 14         | 3          | 4         | 2         | 5         | 3         | 2         | 17        |              | 1            | 91             |
| American Robin          |           |           |           |            |            |           | 1         |           | 1         |           | 2         | 21           |              | 46             |
| Cedar Waxwing           |           |           |           | 1          |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 5              |
| Northern Shrike         |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| European Starling       | 2         | 5         | 4         | 10         | 38         |           | 21        | 12        | 63        | 208       | 19        | 461          | 37           | 2407           |
| Rufous-sided Towhee     |           |           |           | 2          |            |           | 1         | 2         |           |           |           | 2            | 4            | 21             |
| Am. Tree Sparrow        |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 130          |              | 1015           |
| Fox Sparrow             |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 1              |
| Song Sparrow            |           |           |           |            | 1          | 1         | 6         |           | 2         | 2         |           |              |              | 295            |
| Swamp Sparrow           |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 3              |
| White-thr. Sparrow      |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2            |              | 3              |
| White-crown. Sparrow    |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           | 18        |           |           | 1            |              | 75             |
| Harris' Sparrow         |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 2              |
| Dark-eyed Junco         |           |           |           |            |            |           | 245       |           |           |           |           |              |              | 245            |
| "White-wing" race       |           |           | 5         | 32         |            |           |           | 2         |           | 5         |           |              | 2            | 54             |
| "Slate-color" race      | 2         | 25        | 40        | 1          | 8          |           |           | 20        | 1         | 5         | 3         | 51           | 45           | 288            |
| "Oregon" race           | 10        | 20        | 15        | 1          | 30         |           |           | 40        | 129       |           | 19        | 54           | 91           | 795            |
| "Gray-headed" race      | 15        | 15        | 80        | 16         | 17         | 3         |           | 40        | 60        | 11        | 38        | 31           | 53           | 473            |
| "Pink-sided" form       |           |           |           | 7          |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 46             |
| Junco sp.               |           |           |           |            | 20         | 66        |           |           |           | 15        |           |              |              | 1              |



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| Rosy Finch              |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 2              |
| "Gray-crown" race       |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 20             |
| "Black" race            |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 3              |
| Pine Grosbeak           |           |           |           |            | 3          |           |           |           |           |           |           |              |              | 20             |
| Cassin's Finch          | 3         |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              | 12           | 766            |
| House Finch             |           |           | 4         | 2          | 32         | 21        |           | 14        | 90        | 61        | 23        | 317          | 4            | 320            |
| Pine Siskin             | 14        | 15        | 80        |            |            | 2         |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1            | 188          | 1              |
| <u>Lesser Goldfinch</u> |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |              |              | 139            |
| American Goldfinch      |           |           |           |            |            |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |              |              | 97             |
| Evening Grosbeak        |           | 10        | 40        |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |              | 46           | 732            |
| House Sparrow           |           |           |           | 12         | 10         |           | 154       | 1         | 107       | 43        |           | 274          | 1            |                |
| TOTAL SPECIES           | 12        | 17        | 20        | 21         | 18         | 15        | 20        | 18        | 23        | 23        | 20        | 35           | 24           | 103            |
| RACES                   | 2         | 2         | 3         | 3          | 2          | 0         | 0         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 2         | 1            | 3            | 9              |
| FORMS                   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0            | 1              |
| INDIVIDUALS             | 102       | 293       | 488       | 299        | 363        | 152       | 730       | 261       | 620       | 1845      | 302       | 2370         | 1029         | 27607          |

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1983

- FEB. 5, Saturday. SEDALIA, WEST PLUM CREEK, CASTLEWOOD. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan at 7:30 A.M. Meet leader at Sedalia, Hwy U.S. 85, lot at northwest corner at 8:00 A.M. \*
- 6, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE and FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode. (341-1544). Meet at mortuary lot, on Quebec south of Alameda, at 8:00 A.M. 1/2 day.
- 12, Saturday. RED ROCKS and nearby parks. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at 1:00 P.M. at Trading Post in Red Rocks. Dress warm. Rosy Finches especially.
- 13, Sunday. EVERGREEN AREA. Leader: Bill Brockner. (674-4851). Meet at PSC lot north end of Evergreen. Carpool at 7:15 A.M. at south lot of Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th Ave. and Wadsworth. \*
- 19, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at the Postal Station in the east lot of Crossroads Shopping Center (off 30th St. north of Arapahoe) at 8:00 A.M. Carpool at 7:15 A.M. at Wheatridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th Ave. and Wadsworth. \*
- 20, Sunday. BEAR CREEK PARK and GREENBELT AREA. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0529). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. \*
- 26, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK--Owl Nest Hunt. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. \*
- 27, CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at the West Gate at 7:30 A.M. 1/2 day, lunch optional.

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FEB. 26-27, COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS TRIP--GLENWOOD SPRINGS (all 5 races of Rosy Finches to be seen). On the 27th, an optional short cross-country ski trip to Mt. Sopris to see White-tailed Ptarmigan is planned.  
Leader: Vic Zerbi (1-945-6027). Coordinator: Betsy Webb (575-3911, Museum). Meet at 11:00 A.M. at Kiwanis Park in Glenwood Springs on Saturday, the 26th. \*

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Robert Spencer (279-4682)  
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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NEXT MEETING: February 22, 1983  
In the Mountains of New Guinea - Tom Strong

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JANUARY 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JAN. 1, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt, Coors Pond, Coal Creek Canyon (W-CC).  
Observers: Dave Martin, Duane Nelson and Bob Spencer. (Partly cloudy to clear; wind calm; cold). 6 hrs.; 40 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot (45 species, 360 individuals).
- 8, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir (CHAT). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Don and Lee Johnson, Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Ken Lane, Vivian Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny to partly cloudy; calm to variable wind; 32° to 45° F.). (Reservoir frozen). 6 hrs.; 34 mi. (23 species, 291 individuals).
- 9, Sunday. Denver Area: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Red Rocks Park, Morrison, along South Platte River (Englewood), Chatfield Reservoir (DEN). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Virginia Edens, Warren Finch, Lynn Johnson, Dick Schottler. (Clear; 28° to 36°; wind, W, 15-35 mph gusting to 60 mph). 8 hrs., 128 mi. (44 species, 1260 individuals).



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- 14-16, Friday-Sunday. Denver to Pueblo via I-25; Burnt Mill Rd. to Colorado City; I-25 to Walsenburg (Lathrop State Park); Colo. Hwy. 10 to Rocky Ford; Las Animas to Pritchett via Colo. Hwy 101; Carrizo Canyon & Cottonwood Canyon (Baca Co.); Springfield, Lamar, Blue Lake State Wildlife Area; Cheraw, Ordway; Colo. Hwy. 96 to Pueblo; I-25 to Denver (SECO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy to clear; wind, SE, 0-15 mph; 12° to 50° F). 762 mi.; 33½ hrs. (68 species, 22,750 individuals).
- 15, Saturday. South Platte Urban Area (URB). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Jerry Cairo, Peggy Duffy, Al Hay, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Jan Justice, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; wind calm; 19° to 32° F). 4 hrs.; 10 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (36 species, 1027 individuals).
- 16, Sunday. Boulder County: Valmont Res., Viele Lake (BLD). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Marg Brockmeyer, Jerry Cairo, Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Lynn Jickling, Hope Leighton, Mort and Rosemary Staatz and Barbara Steiner. (Clear; wind 0-5 mph; 32° to 42° F). 10 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 7 hrs. (32 species, 6502 individuals).
- 22, Saturday. Barr Lake (BARR). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Jerry Cairo, Frieda Krolik, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode and Ruth Wheeler. (Heavy to light fog, wind 0-5 mph; 20° to 32° F). 57 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot (25 species, 550 individuals).
- 22, Saturday. South Platte River at Brighton, Bromley Lane, Prospect Res., rds. N.E. to Weldona, Muir Springs, Jackson Res. (NE). Observers: Doug, Judy and John Ward. (Mostly cloudy; wind variable 0-10 mph; 25° to 40° F) 204 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot; 9 hrs. (46 species, 3,512 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Bobbie Ausfahl, Sylvia and Winston Brockner, Jerry Cairo, Mary Dexter, Peggy Duffy, Virginia Edens, Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm, Alan Hay, Keny Lane, Margaret Leavitt, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Ian and Trudy Ridley, Sylvia Robertson, Mort and Rosemary Staatz, Betsy Vissen. (Clear to cloudy; wind calm to 30 mph; 50° to 35° F). ½ mi. on foot; 3 hrs. (17 species, 167 individuals).
- 29, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt (WRG). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Irma Applegren, Nancy Boyd, Joann Bushnell, Art and Phine Butler, Jerry Cairo, Alan Hay, Jack and Ethyl Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson, Herman and Jeanne Kretschmer, Ken LaBorde, Wade Leitner, John Leonard, David Martin, Diana and Don Mullineaux, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler, Dan Schwartzberg, Don and Jo Shrode, Robert Spencer, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler and Vick Zerbi. (Partly cloudy a.m., cloudy p.m.; 22° to 41° F). 15 mi. by car, 6 mi. on foot; 7½ hrs. (49 species, 1101 individuals).
- 30, Sunday. Bear Creek Greenbelt and Lake Park (BC). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Jack Reddall, Mort Staatz. (Partly cloudy; calm; 24° to 41° F) 20 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 5 hrs. (33 species, 604 individuals).

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| AREA                      | W-CC  | CHAT | DEN | SECO    | URB | BLD  | BARR | NE     | RR | WRG | BC  |
| HABITAT                   | Pl Ft | Plns | Pln | Plns    | Pln | Pln  | Plns | Pl     | Ft | Pln | Pl  |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | 1     |      |     |         | 1   | 6    |      |        |    | 1   |     |
| Horned Grebe              |       |      |     |         |     | 5    |      |        |    |     |     |
| Western Grebe             |       |      |     |         |     | 25   |      |        |    |     |     |
| Great Blue Heron          | 1     |      | 1   | 17      | 1   | 17   |      | 3      |    |     | 2   |
| Black-crowned Night Heron |       |      | lad |         | 7   |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Snow Goose                |       |      |     |         |     |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| "White" form              |       |      |     |         | 2   |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| WhiteXBlue                |       |      |     |         | 1   |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Canada Goose              | 30    | 116  | 400 | 350     | 200 | 1800 | 200  | 1370   |    | 220 | 105 |
| Wood Duck                 | 5     |      | 2m  |         |     | 1m   |      |        |    |     |     |
| Green-winged Teal         | 7     |      | 40  | 9       | 17  | 2    |      | 2      |    | 26  | 20  |
| Mallard                   | 15    | 5    | 150 | 340     | 80  | 4000 | 45   | 55     |    | 40  | 35  |
| Northern Pintail          |       |      |     | 2m      | 5   | 120  |      | 20     |    |     | 15  |
| Blue-winged Teal          |       |      |     |         | 2   | 2    |      |        |    |     |     |
| Northern Shoveler         |       |      | 25  |         | 73  | 60   | 12   | 1      |    |     |     |
| Gadwall                   | 2     |      | 75  |         | 54  | 4    |      | 13     |    | 11  | 10  |
| American Wigeon           | 20    |      | 20  | 2       | 30  | 80   |      |        |    | 21  | 7   |
| Canvasback                |       |      |     |         |     | 3    |      |        |    |     |     |
| Redhead                   | 14    |      | 18  |         | 1   | 10   |      |        |    | 42  | 3   |
| Ring-necked Duck          | 8     |      | 20  |         | 2   | 75   |      |        |    | 8   | 6   |
| <u>Greater Scaup</u>      |       |      | 1m  |         |     |      |      |        |    | 1   |     |
| <u>Lesser Scaup</u>       | 6     |      | 4   |         | 6   | 14   |      |        |    | 8   |     |
| Common Goldeneye          | 12    |      | 45  |         | 41  | 1    |      |        |    | 6   | 2   |
| Bufflehead                |       |      |     |         | 5   |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Hooded Merganser          | 1     |      | 3   |         | 4   | 5    |      |        |    | 2   | 11  |
| Common Merganser          | 22    |      | 25  | 6m      | 16  | 125  | 7    |        |    | 28  |     |
| Red-breasted Merganser    | 5     |      | 7m  |         |     | 15   |      |        |    | 8   |     |
| Bald Eagle                |       |      |     | 3a, 11  | 2   | 1a   | 1    | 4a, 21 |    |     | 1   |
| Northern Harrier          |       | 2    | 1f  | 8m, 10f |     |      | 2    | 1f     |    |     |     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        |       |      |     | 5       |     |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Cooper's Hawk             |       | 1    |     |         |     |      |      |        | 1  |     |     |
| Northern Goshawk          |       |      | 1a  | 11      |     |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Red-tailed Hawk           |       |      |     |         |     |      |      |        | 1  | 2   |     |
| "Western" races           |       |      | 1a  | 100     |     |      |      | 7a, 11 |    |     | 3   |
| "Harlan's" race           |       |      |     | 3       | 1   |      |      |        |    |     | 1   |
| Ferruginous Hawk          |       |      |     | 7a      |     |      |      | 1      |    |     |     |
| Rough-legged Hawk         |       |      |     | 20      |     |      | 1    | 11     |    |     | 1   |
| Buteo species             |       |      |     |         |     |      |      | 3      |    |     |     |
| Golden Eagle              |       |      |     | 6a      |     |      |      | 1a, 21 | 1  | 1   |     |
| American Kestrel          | 2     | 6    | 5   | 106     | 2   | 1    | 1    | 6      |    | 2   | 6   |
| Merlin                    |       |      |     | 1       |     |      |      | 1a-m   |    |     |     |
| Prairie Falcon            |       | 1    |     | 7       |     |      |      | 3      |    |     |     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      |       | 6    | 30  | 5       |     |      |      | 22     |    |     |     |
| Wild Turkey               |       |      |     | 13      |     |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Northern Bobwhite         |       |      |     | 5       |     |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Scaled Quail              |       |      |     | 1       |     |      |      |        |    |     |     |
| Virginia Rail             | 1     |      |     |         |     |      |      |        |    | 2   |     |
| American Coot             | 2     |      | 5   |         | 4   | 30   |      |        |    | 13  |     |
| Killdeer                  |       |      | 3   | 1       |     | 1    | 2    | 3      |    | 1   |     |
| <u>Greater Yellowlegs</u> |       |      |     |         |     |      |      |        |    | 1   |     |
| Common Snipe              | 1     |      |     | 1       |     |      | 6    | 3      |    | 3   |     |
| Ring-billed Gull          | 35    |      | 60  |         | 293 | 60   |      |        |    | 35  | 5   |
| California Gull           |       |      |     |         |     |      |      | 1      |    |     |     |
| Herring Gull              | 2     | 1    | 18  | 5       | 8   |      |      | 1      |    | 2   |     |

| JANUARY<br>AREA<br>HABITAT | 1<br>W-CC<br>Pl-Ft | 8<br>CHAT<br>Plns | 9<br>DEN<br>Pln | 14-16<br>SECO<br>Plns | 15<br>URB<br>Pln | 16<br>BLD<br>Pln | 22<br>BARR<br>Plns | 22<br>NE<br>Pl | 23<br>RR<br>Ft | 29<br>WRG<br>Pln | 30<br>BC<br>Pl |
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| Rock Dove                  | 30                 |                   | 10              | 290                   | 28               | 20               |                    | 50             | 68             | 50               | 85             |
| Mourning Dove              | 3                  |                   |                 | 1                     | 1                |                  |                    |                |                | 10               |                |
| Greater Roadrunner (147)   |                    |                   |                 | 2                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Great Horned Owl           |                    | 2                 |                 | 5                     |                  |                  | 1                  | 3              |                | 1                |                |
| Belted Kingfisher          | 1                  |                   | 1               | 1                     | 6                |                  |                    | 2              |                | 3                | 7              |
| Lewis' Woodpecker          |                    |                   |                 | 6                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker   |                    |                   |                 | 1f                    |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Downy Woodpecker           | 2                  | 2                 |                 |                       | 1                |                  | 4                  |                | 1              | 3                |                |
| "Batchelder's" race        |                    |                   |                 | 1                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  | 1              |
| eastern races              |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    | 2              |                |                  |                |
| Hairy Woodpecker           |                    | 1                 |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| "Rocky Mountain" race      |                    |                   |                 | 1m                    |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Northern Flicker           |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                | 1              |                  |                |
| "Yellow-shafted" race      |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    | 3              |                |                  |                |
| "Red-shafted" race         | 3                  | 10                | 1               | 49                    | 4                |                  | 6                  | 17             |                | 12               | 15             |
| Hybrid                     |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    | 9              |                |                  |                |
| Horned Lark                |                    | 23                | 10              | 285                   |                  |                  |                    | 193            |                |                  |                |
| Steller's Jay              | 7                  |                   |                 |                       |                  | 1                |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Blue Jay                   |                    |                   |                 | 7                     |                  |                  |                    | 12             |                |                  | 4              |
| Scrub Jay                  |                    |                   | 1               | 4                     |                  |                  |                    |                | 3              |                  |                |
| Black-billed Magpie        | 21                 | 16                | 50              | 270                   | 22               | 5                | 51                 | 64             | 5              | 60               | 40             |
| American Crow              |                    | 7                 | 1               | 14                    | 18               |                  |                    |                |                |                  | 1              |
| Chihuahuan Raven           |                    |                   |                 | 16                    |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Common Raven               |                    |                   | 3               | 36                    |                  |                  |                    |                | 4              |                  | 9              |
| Black-capped Chickadee     |                    | 21                |                 | 3                     |                  |                  | 37                 | 6              | 1              | 7                | 10             |
| Mountain Chickadee         | 10                 |                   |                 | 1                     |                  |                  |                    |                | 1              | 4                |                |
| Plain Titmouse             |                    |                   |                 | 1                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch      | 2                  |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| White-breasted Nuthatch    | 2                  |                   |                 | 1                     |                  |                  | 3                  |                |                |                  | 1              |
| Pygmy Nuthatch             | 18                 |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Brown Creeper              |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  | 9                  |                |                | 13               |                |
| Canyon Wren                |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                | 1              |                  |                |
| Bewick's Wren              |                    |                   |                 | 2                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Marsh Wren                 |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  | 2                  |                |                | 2                |                |
| Wren species               |                    | 1                 |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| American Dipper            | 1                  |                   | 3               | 1                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                | 2                |                |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet       |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                | 1                |                |
| Eastern Bluebird           |                    |                   |                 | 20                    |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Mountain Bluebird          |                    |                   |                 | 123                   |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| Townsend's Solitaire       |                    |                   |                 | 45                    |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| American Robin             | 2                  |                   |                 | 860                   |                  |                  |                    | 43             | 1              | 1                |                |
| Cedar Waxwing              |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    | 20             |                |                  |                |
| Northern Shrike            |                    | 1                 | 1a              | 2a, 11                |                  |                  |                    | 2a, 21         |                |                  |                |
| Loggerhead Shrike          |                    |                   |                 | 2                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| European Starling          | 6                  | 8                 | 30              | 1850                  | 52               |                  | 6                  | 470            |                | 50               | 75             |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler      |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| "Myrtle" race              |                    |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                | 1                |                |
| Rufous-sided Towhee        |                    |                   |                 | 1                     |                  |                  |                    |                | 1              | 1                |                |
| Rufous-crowned Sparrow     |                    |                   |                 | 1                     |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| American Tree Sparrow      | 3                  | 16                | 15              | 5                     |                  | 1                | 65                 | 20             | 2              | 9                |                |
| Song Sparrow               | 8                  | 12                | 2               | 11                    | 3                |                  | 4                  | 47             |                | 12               | 5              |
| Swamp Sparrow              | 1                  |                   |                 |                       |                  |                  |                    |                |                |                  |                |
| White-crowned Sparrow      | 3                  |                   |                 | 130                   |                  |                  | 12                 | 97             |                | 10               |                |



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| AREA                    | W-CC  | CHAT | DEN | SECO  | URB | BLD | BARR | NE     | RR | WRG | BC |
| HABITAT                 | Pl Ft | Plns | Pln | Plns  | Pln | Pln | Plns | Pl     | Ft | Pln | Pl |
| Dark-eyed Junco         |       |      |     |       |     |     | 58   |        | 17 |     |    |
| "White-winged" race     |       | 1    |     |       |     |     |      |        |    |     |    |
| "Slate-colored" race    | 2     | 5    |     | 5     |     |     |      | 1      |    | 3   | 1  |
| "Oregon" race           | 10    | 25   | 20  | 165   |     |     |      | 18     |    | 16  | 50 |
| "Gray-headed" race      | 2     |      | 5   | 18    |     |     |      |        |    | 1   | 1  |
| Red-winged Blackbird    | 15    |      | 100 | 17000 | 28  |     |      | 495+   |    | 200 | 10 |
| Western Meadowlark      |       | 2    | 1   | 255   |     |     | 6    | 16     |    |     | 6  |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird |       |      |     |       |     |     |      | 1m, 1f |    |     |    |
| Common Grackle          |       |      |     |       |     |     |      | 3      |    |     |    |
| Rosy Finch              |       |      |     |       |     |     |      |        | 58 |     |    |
| House Finch             | 7     |      | 5   | 31    |     | 4   | 7    | 33     |    | 15  | 30 |
| Pine Siskin             |       |      |     | 65    |     |     |      |        |    |     |    |
| American Goldfinch      | 3     |      |     | 5     |     |     | 4    | 3      |    | 6   |    |
| House Sparrow           | 15    |      | 40  | 110   | 6   | 8   |      | 340    |    | 65  | 20 |
| TOTAL SPECIES - 104     | 45    | 23   | 44  | 68    | 36  | 32  | 25   | 46     | 17 | 49  | 33 |

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl, pln, plns=plains; Ft=foothills; a=adult; i, imm=immature; m, ma=males; f, fe=females.

#### ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1983 REPORTS:

(Whistling) Tundra Swan 1-3,6 (1 ad.) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (DJW).  
 Snow Goose 1-8 (1 ad. "White" form) Jackson Res., Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Greater Scaup 1-2 (1 ad.ma.) Prospect Park, Wheatridge (DW, m.ob.) Probably same bird observed off and on throughout month.  
 Bald Eagle 1-3 (1 imm.) Rocky Mountain Arsenal; 1-8 (1 ad, 1 imm.) So. Platte River, Orchard; 1-8 (1 ad., 7 imm.) Jackson Res.; 1-23 (1 ad.) Mile High Duck Club, Adams Co.; 1-29 (1 ad.) So. Platte River, Orchard; 1-29 (4 ad., 2 imm.); 1-29 (2 ad., 1 imm.) North Sterling Res., Logan Co. (JR).  
 Ferruginous Hawk 1-22 (7); 1-29 (5) Boone Rd., eastern El Paso and Pueblo Cos. (RB,BM).  
 Golden Eagle 1-22 (3); 1-29 (6) Boone Rd., eastern El Paso and Pueblo Cos. (RB,BM).  
 Merlin 1-22 (2) Boone Rd. (RB); 1-29 (1 "Richardson's" race) Colo. Hwy 144, Morgan Co.; 1-29 (1) Colo. Hwy. 52 at Morgan Co. Rd.3; 1-29 (1) .4 mi. so. of intersection of Morgan Co. Rds. 3 & I (JR); 1-29 (1) Boone Rd. (RB,BM).  
 Northern Bobwhite 1-29 (12) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Virginia Rail 1-8 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Greater Yellowlegs 1-8,10,17,23,29 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN,WF,m.ob.)  
 California Gull 1-5,6 (1 ad., tagged with yellow wingband) Valmont Res., Boulder Co.(DW).  
 Thayer's Gull 1-3,6 (2 imm.) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (DW).  
 Greater Roadrunner 1-9 (1) 1 1/2 mi. so. of El Paso Co. along Hwy 115, Fremont Co. (RB,BM).  
 Say's Phoebe 1-9 (1) Penrose area. (JW).  
 Pinyon Jay 1-16 (55) Penrose. (RB,BM).  
 Chihuahuan Raven 1-29 (2) Hanover Rd., El Paso Co. (RB,BM); 1-30 (2) Hwy. 115 at Penrose, Fremont Co. (RB).  
 Rock Wren 1-16 (1) Pueblo Nature Center (RB).  
 Marsh Wren 1-4 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (AH); 1-8 (1) So. Platte River, Orchard; 1-8 (1) Bijou Creek at Colo. Hwy 144, Morgan Co.(JR); 1-11,28 (1) Walden Pond, Boulder Co. (DW) 1-29 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan Co.; 1-29 (1) So. Platte River, Orchard (JR).  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 1-22 (3) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR).  
 Western Bluebird 1-16 (20) Penrose area (RB).  
 Sage Thrasher 1-30 (1) Hwy. 115, Fremont Co. (RB).  
 Brown Thrasher 1-8 (1) Chataqua Park, Boulder Co. (DN).  
 Water Pipit 1-16 (1) Pueblo NatureCenter (RB,BM); 1-22 (1) Clear Creek, Wheatridge (JR).

Yellow-rumped Warbler 1/6-31 (1 "Myrtle" race) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).  
Western Tanager 1-30 (1) Monument (WJ).  
Swamp Sparrow 1-3 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (JR); 1/18-21 (1 imm.) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).  
Lapland Longspur 1-22 (55) Boone Rd., Pueblo Co.; 1-29 (10) Hanover Rd., El Paso Co. (RB,BM).  
Brewer's Blackbird 1-16 (35) Pueblo Nature Center, 1-29 (3) Pueblo Rd., Fountain (RB,BM); 1-29 (30) Orchard (JR).  
Brown-headed Cowbird 1-16 (3) Pueblo Nature Center (RB,JW).  
Rosy Finch 1-9 (1000) Victor (RB,BM).  
American Goldfinch 1-21 (1) Littleton (BH).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in the New Check-list Order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, plumage if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

MARCH MEETING: March 22, 1983

Southeast Arizona - Harold Holt

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CORRECTION: The February meeting date noted in the January issue is incorrect. The correct date appears at the beginning of this issue. Please remember that the regular meeting date is the fourth Tuesday of each month from September to May. Should you not receive your Lark Bunting before the monthly meeting, you may note that the following month's meeting is listed for your convenience.

RARE BIRD ALERT: Now operational. Phone Number: 759-1060. Not listed in the phone book. You may call this number to receive Rare Bird information for the week (updated every Monday or more often if necessary) as well as information on meetings and field trips for the coming week.

If you wish to report a Rare Bird, call this number, listen to the message and then after the TONE leave your name, phone number, what bird you saw, exactly where you saw it and when. You will receive a call back if more information is needed.

(Lynn Willcockson)

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for DFO, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

CARPOOLING: Mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored field trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car, including the driver.

TRIP LEADERS: Remember to submit reports in the New Check-list Order and include all pertinent data on weather, mileage and time in field.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1983

- MAR. 5, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682).  
Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan. \*
- 5, Saturday. PLATTE RIVER GREENWAY. Project leader: Drew Grainger (355-8581).  
Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Habitat Park, Platte River just south of Alameda.  
Three-four hours only.
- 6, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet at  
7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, North Lot. \*
- 12, Saturday. DEER CREEK CANYON, McCLELLAND RESERVOIR, HIGHLAND CANAL. Leaders:  
Henry and Vi Bossman (781-6855). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping  
Center, Hampden and Sheridan (S.W. of May-D&F). \*
- 13, Sunday. SOUTH PLATTE URBAN. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800) Meet at 8:00 A.M.  
west side of King Soopers on Federal near Belleview.  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.
- 19, Saturday. WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at  
7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park on 44th west of Kipling near Robb. \*
- 20, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at 1:00 P.M.  
at the Trading Post in Red Rocks. Last chance for Gray-crowned and Black Rosy  
Finches.
- 26, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308).  
Meet at 6:30 A.M., West Gate of Rec. Area. \*
- 27, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at  
6:30 A.M. at Park 'n Ride, Wadsworth & Hampden. Lunch optional.

\*Bring Lunch.

Submitted by: Robert Spencer (279-4682)  
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

RARE BIRD ALERT: 759-1060





THE LARK BUNTING  
MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS  
OF THE  
DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VOLUME 18, Number 6  
Denver, Colorado

MARCH 1983  
Judy Ward, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: March 31, 1983

Southeast Arizona - Harold Holt

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\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Due to a conflict in scheduling with the Museum, \*\*  
\*\* the next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31st, 1983, \*\*  
\*\* at the usual time and place. This change applies only to the \*\*  
\*\* March meeting. \*\*  
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FEBRUARY 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- B. 5, Saturday. Sedalia, West Plum Creek, Castlewood Canyon (CAS). Leader: Paul  
Rechel. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Glenna Corey, Hazel Kellogg, Dick Pautsch,  
Vivian Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode, Dan Swartzburg. (Clear; 15° to 30°F.).  
7½ hrs.; 25 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (25 species, 191 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery (FAIR). Leaders: Don and Jo  
Shrode. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Ruth Breckon, Glenna Corey, Peggy Duffy,  
Warren Finch, Drew Grainger, Al Hay, Freda Krolik, John Leonard, Dick Schottler.  
(Clear; wind 5 mph; 15° to 40°F.) 5½ hrs.; 2 mi. on foot (20 species, 361 ind.)

- MAR. 12, Saturday. Red Rocks and Morrison Parks (RR). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Jeane Hageman, Alan Hay, Don and Lee Johnson; Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm; Joan Katz, Freda Krolik, David Martin, Duane Nelson, Dick Pratt, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler, Martha Zoetewey, Henry and Vi Bossman. (Partly cloudy; calm; 60° F.) 3 hrs.; 1 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (18 species, 151 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Evergreen (EVER). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Alan Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, John Leonard. (Overcast) 4 hrs.; 30 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (20 species, 102 individuals).
- 18, Denver, Colo. to Colorado City (via I-25), Burnt Mill Rd., Little Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo, Pueblo Res., Pueblo State Wildlife Area and return (So. Central Colo.-SCC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; wind, SW, 5-20 mph; 35° to 64° F.) 12 hrs.; 334 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot (52 species, 1932 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Boulder Area: Walden Ponds, Sawhill Ponds, Valmont Res., Boulder Creek, Gregory Canyon, Chataqua Park, Baseline Res. (BOLD). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Glenna Corey, Freda Krolik, John Leonard, Dona and Roland Olderogg, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind 0-10 mph; 33° to 44° F.) 6 hrs.; 24 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (45 species, 1164 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Bear Creek Park and Greenbelt Area (BEAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Alan Hay, Diane Lane, Greg Voigt, Jim Voigt, Cal Wichern. (Clear, calm, 32° to 40° F.) 4½ hrs.; 16 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (28 species, 423 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Jerry Cairo, Dave Child, Glenna Cory, Virginia Edens, Warren Finch, Robert Graves, Irene Grenier, Alan Hay, Bob Jickling, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Betty and Harold Oliver, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Dan Swartzberg, Ruth Wheeler, Martha Zoeteway. (36° to 57° F.) 8 hrs.; 12 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (44 species, 1319 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Billie and Estes Howe, Herman Kretschmer, Joe Leigh, John Leonard, Thompson Marsh, Dick Schottler; Helen, Scott and Tom Singer. (Clear and sunny; wind 0-10 mph NW; 35° to 50° F.) 4½ hrs.; 8 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (31 species, 821 individuals).

| FEBRUARY                 | 5   | 6    | 12 | 13   | 18  | 19    | 20   | 26   | 27   |
|--------------------------|-----|------|----|------|-----|-------|------|------|------|
| AREA                     | CAS | FAIR | RR | EVER | SCC | BOLD  | BEAR | CHAT | CCRA |
| HABITAT                  | Ft  | Plns | Ft | Mt   | Pln | Pl/Ft | Plns | Plns | Plns |
| Pied-billed Grebe        |     |      |    |      |     | 2     |      |      |      |
| Western Grebe            |     |      |    |      |     | 2     |      |      |      |
| Double-crested Cormorant |     |      |    |      | 31  |       |      |      |      |
| Great Blue Heron         |     |      |    |      | 7   | 3     | 1    | 10   |      |
| Canada Goose             |     | 200  |    | 6    | 85  | 100   | 75   | 350  | 210  |
| Green-winged Teal        |     |      |    |      | 11  | 6     | 7    | 3    | 45   |
| Mallard                  |     |      |    |      | 200 | 67    | 38   | 76   | 150  |
| Northern Pintail         |     |      |    |      | 5   | 12    |      | 99   | 120  |
| Cinnamon Teal            |     |      |    |      |     |       |      | 2    |      |
| Northern Shoveler        |     |      |    |      |     | 8     |      |      |      |
| Gadwall                  |     |      |    |      | 2   | 16    | 3    | 4    | 2    |
| American Wigeon          |     |      |    |      |     | 10    |      | 2    | 2    |

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|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Redhead                     |                |                   |                |                  |                  | 410                 |                    | 350                | 95                 |
| Ring-necked Duck            |                |                   |                |                  |                  | 114                 |                    | 45                 |                    |
| Lesser Scaup                |                |                   |                |                  |                  | 6                   |                    | 3                  |                    |
| Common Goldeneye            |                | 1                 |                |                  | 16               | 11                  |                    | 16                 | lf                 |
| Bufflehead                  |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    | 4                  |                    |
| Hooded Merganser            |                |                   |                |                  |                  | 2                   |                    | 1                  |                    |
| Common Merganser            |                |                   |                |                  | 150              | 21                  |                    | 17                 |                    |
| Red-breasted Merganser      |                |                   |                |                  |                  | 8                   |                    |                    |                    |
| Ruddy Duck                  |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    | 1                  |                    |
| Bald Eagle                  |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    | 2                  |                    |
| Northern Harrier            |                |                   |                |                  | lm,6f            |                     |                    |                    | lm,lf              |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          |                |                   | 1              |                  |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Northern Goshawk            |                |                   |                |                  | 1a               | 1a                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    | 3                  |                    |
| "Western" races             | 6              |                   |                |                  | 23               | 1                   | 1                  | 4                  | 2                  |
| "Harlan's" race             |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    | 1                  |                    |
| Rough-legged Hawk           | 2              |                   |                |                  | 1                |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Golden Eagle                |                |                   | 1              |                  |                  |                     | 2                  | 1                  |                    |
| American Kestrel            | 3              | 1                 |                |                  | 6                | 3                   | 2                  | 3                  | 3                  |
| Prairie Falcon              |                |                   |                |                  | 3                | 1                   |                    |                    | 1                  |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    | 1                  | 10                 |
| American Coot               |                |                   |                |                  |                  | 19                  |                    | 4                  |                    |
| Killdeer                    |                |                   |                |                  | 2                |                     | 3                  |                    |                    |
| Common Snipe                |                |                   |                |                  | 2                |                     |                    | 2                  |                    |
| Ring-billed Gull            |                | 5                 |                |                  | 10               | 18                  | 1                  | 30                 | 8                  |
| Herring Gull                |                |                   |                |                  | 5                | 1                   |                    |                    | 4                  |
| Rock Dove                   | 24             | 2                 | 82             |                  | 10               | 25                  | 19                 |                    | 3                  |
| Great Horned Owl            |                |                   | 1              |                  |                  |                     | 3                  | 6                  | 2(N)               |
| Northern Pygmy-Owl          |                |                   |                | 1                |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Long-eared Owl              |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    |                    | 2                  |
| Belted Kingfisher           |                |                   |                |                  | 2                | 4                   | 11                 | 2                  |                    |
| Downy Woodpecker            |                | 2                 |                | 2                |                  |                     |                    | 4                  |                    |
| "Batchelder's" race         |                |                   |                |                  | lf               |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| eastern races               |                |                   |                |                  | lm               |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                | 1                 |                | 1                |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Northern Flicker            |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| "Red-shafted" race          | 2              | 7                 |                |                  | 7                | 2                   | 2                  | 10                 | 6                  |
| Horned Lark                 |                |                   |                |                  | 30               |                     |                    | 6                  | 7                  |
| Gray Jay                    |                |                   |                | 2                |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Steller's Jay               | 5              |                   |                | 4                |                  |                     | 43                 |                    |                    |
| Blue Jay                    | 1              |                   |                |                  |                  | 1                   |                    |                    |                    |
| Scrub Jay                   | 7              |                   | 4              |                  | 3                |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 14             | 60                | 6              | 6                | 100              | 9                   | 11                 | 50                 | 32                 |
| American Crow               |                |                   |                | 12               | 2                | 7                   |                    | 3                  |                    |
| Common Raven                | 22             |                   | 3              | 2                | 30               |                     | 1                  | 5                  |                    |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 20             |                   | 5              | 2                | 7                |                     |                    | 16                 | 10                 |
| Mountain Chickadee          | 16             | 9                 | 2              | 10               |                  |                     | 4                  |                    |                    |
| Plain Titmouse              |                |                   |                |                  | 1                |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |                |                   |                | 1                |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | 4              | 2                 |                | 4                | 2                |                     | 2                  |                    | 5                  |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |                |                   |                | 10               |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Canyon Wren                 |                |                   | 1              |                  |                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Bewick's Wren               |                |                   |                |                  | 3                |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| American Dipper             | 1              |                   | 1              | 1                | 2                |                     |                    |                    |                    |



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| Mountain Bluebird           |                |                   |                |                  | 21               |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 2              |                   | 2              |                  | 7                | 3                   |                    |                    |                    |
| American Robin              |                | 1                 | 1              |                  | 175              |                     |                    | 1                  | 12                 |
| Northern Shrike             |                |                   |                |                  | 1a               |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| European Starling           | 26             | 9                 |                | 5                | 100              | 50                  | 65                 | 50                 | 30                 |
| Rufous-sided Towhee         |                |                   | 1              |                  |                  | 1                   |                    |                    |                    |
| Brown Towhee                |                |                   |                |                  | 1                |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| American Tree Sparrow       |                | 2                 | 3              |                  | 180              | 35                  | 12                 | 65                 | 2                  |
| Song Sparrow                |                | 5                 |                |                  | 7                | 16                  | 8                  | 6                  | 12                 |
| White-crowned Sparrow       |                | 8                 |                |                  | 60               | 15                  | 1                  | 5                  |                    |
| Harris' Sparrow             |                |                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                    | 6                  |                    |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                |                   | 33             |                  |                  | 10                  | 20                 | 30                 | 22                 |
| "White-winged" race         | 2              |                   |                | 1                |                  | 2                   |                    |                    |                    |
| "Slate-colored" race        | 2              | 3                 |                | 1                | 2                | 3                   | 1                  | 1                  |                    |
| "Oregon" race               | 6              | 16                |                | 8                | 250              | 6                   | 4                  | 25                 | 3                  |
| "Gray-headed" race          | 4              | 3                 |                | 5                | 1                | 4                   | 6                  |                    |                    |
| Red-winged Blackbird        |                |                   |                |                  | 225              | 12                  | 10                 | 7                  | 25                 |
| Western Meadowlark          |                | 2                 |                |                  | 7                | 5                   | 1                  | 2                  | 8                  |
| Rusty Blackbird             |                |                   |                |                  | 8                |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| House Finch                 | 1              | 12                | 3              | 4                | 40               | 2                   | 2                  | 7                  | 10                 |
| Pine Siskin                 |                |                   |                | 12               | 1                |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| American Goldfinch          |                |                   |                |                  | 35               |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| Evening Grosbeak            |                |                   |                |                  | 2m               |                     |                    |                    |                    |
| House Sparrow               |                |                   |                | 2                | 50               | 14                  | 8                  |                    |                    |
| TOTAL SPECIES - 81          | 25             | 20                | 18             | 20               | 52               | 45                  | 28                 | 44                 | 31                 |

ABBREVIATIONS: Pln, plns=plains; Ft=foothills; Mt=mountains; a,ad=adult; i,imm=immature; m,ma=male; f,fe=female; (N)=nest found.

#### ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY REPORTS:

Greater White-fronted Goose 2-27 (1 ad.) Hiram Prince Res., Boulder Co. (DJW).  
 Wood Duck 2-6 (1 ma.) Viele Lake, Boulder (DJW).  
 Cinammon Teal 2-27 (2 ma.) Hiram Prince Res. (JW).  
 Greater Scaup 2-6 (1 ma.) Prospect Park (m.ob.); 2-22 to 28 (1 ma.) Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (DJW).  
 Bald Eagle 2-12 (1 ad.) Marston Res. (MJS); 2-21 (1 ad.) So. Platte River, Orchard; 2-21 (3 ad., 3 imm.) Jackson Res., Morgan Co; 2-21 (1 ad.) Bijou Res., Morgan Co.; 2-22 (1 ad., 3 imm.) Union Res., Weld Co. (DJW).  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 2-9 (1) Denver (HK).  
 Merlin ("Richardson's" race) 2-21 (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. east of intersection of Weld Co. Rds. 4 and 91 (JR).  
 Virginia Rail 2-21 (1, heard only) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Greater Yellowlegs 2-19 (1) (JR), 2-23 (1) (AH), Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.  
 Thayer's Gull 2-19 (1 imm.) Cherry Creek Res.; 2-21 (3 imm.) Jackson Res., Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Marsh Wren 2-2,23 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH); 2-21 (1) Muir Springs Park (JR).  
 Cedar Waxwing 2-16 (3) 95th & Baseline, Boulder Co. (DJW); 2-18 (4) Lakewood (MJS); 2-21 (1) Muir Springs Park (JR).  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 2-17 (1 "Audubon" race) Boulder Creek at 30th (DW); 2-23 (3 Myrtle race) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).  
 Swamp Sparrow 2-21 (1) "Narrows," Morgan Co. Rd. 12 and Colo. Hwy. 144 (JR).

CONTRIBUTORS: Mary Dexter (MD), Alan Hay (AH), Hugh Kingery (HK), Jack Reddall (JR), Mary Jane Schock (MJS), Doug and Judy Ward (DJW).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
  2. Individual reports must be in the new check-list order and include the date/s of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, and specific location.
  3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
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TIPS FOR TRIP LEADERS

1. Take initiative in carpooling.
2. Be sure drivers know the route to be taken so nobody will get lost.
3. Try to arrange for a rest-stop by noon.
4. Try to see that all members of the group see the birds observed.
5. Compile a summary of sightings, in the new AOU check-list order, showing total numbers of birds observed for each species. Include observations of recognizable "forms" or "races".
6. Include with the report a list of observers in alphabetical order; notes on weather, wind, temperature range, miles covered, duration of trip.
7. If more than one Life Zone is visited, make separate summaries for each zone. (Plains, foothills, mountains).
8. If a trip is cancelled, notify the editor (666-8985).
9. As soon as possible after the trip, mail the report to Judy Ward, 9224 Baseline Road, Lafayette, CO 80026. Reports received after the fifth of the following month will not be published.

Mileage expense on trips should be shared. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car, including the driver.

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

ARE YOUR DUES PAID? Check your checkbooks to make sure you have paid dues for 1983. The Treasurer must receive your payment by April, 1983.

BIRD HALL TO CLOSE: In order to make room for other projects, the Denver Museum of Natural History plans to close the display of Colorado Birds by December 31, 1983. This exhibit has played an important role in helping those interested in birds and in Colorado to learn more. Some of our members have spent considerable time and effort on this collection (which is unique in the United States), assisting the curators in updating, cleaning and rearranging the display. If you would like the Museum to keep the Birds of Colorado Hall as a permanent exhibit, write comments to:

Dr. Charles T. Crockett, Director  
Denver Museum of Natural History  
City Park  
Denver, Colorado 80205

INFORMATION WANTED: Reports of Boreal and Saw-whet Owl nests (particularly those located above 9000 ft.) are requested by: Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

NOTE OF THANKS: For many years MILDRED SNYDER fielded reports of rare birds sighted in the area and set in motion a chain of telephone calls informing interested birders of such sightings. DFO wishes to express its gratitude and thanks to Mildred for her years of service as coordinator of this system which was so beneficial to our members. We also extend our appreciation to Patti Echelmeyer for her assistance with this program.

"LIFER'S WANTED LIST": Mildred will continue to maintain the service for beginning birdwatchers who wish to be informed if a bird new to their "Life List" is in the area. Send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011. Please notify her as your list is filled so that she can make the appropriate changes.

RARE BIRD ALERT: (759-1060) With the exception of a few "humorous" reports, the new system seems to be running well. If you have suggestions, please let Lynn know. We wish to thank THOMPSON and SUSAN MARSH for a very generous contribution toward maintenance of this project.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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APRIL MEETING: April 26, 1983

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1983

- APR. 2, Saturday. WINDSOR LAKE and FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the mortuary on Quebec south of Alameda. \*
- 3, Sunday. EASTER SUNDAY. No trip scheduled.
- 9, Saturday. NORTHWEST LAKES, RALSTON RESERVOIR. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan. \*
- 10, Sunday. BOULDER COUNTY. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at small park east of the Lafayette Cemetery (where Hwy. 287 jogs west). Carpool at 6:20 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th and Wadsworth. \*
- 16, Saturday. BARR LAKE and VICINITY. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. \*
- 17, Sunday. BEAR CREEK - PLAINS TO THE MOUNTAINS. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 6:30 A.M., Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. \*
- 23, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the West Gate to Cherry Creek State Park. \*
- 24, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Meet at 6:45 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Hampden and Sheridan, or at 7:00 A.M. at the west entrance. \*
- 30, Saturday and Sunday (May 1). NORTH PARK - SAGE GROUSE STRUTTING AREA. Leaders: Dieter and Alicia Kamm (697-9681) or Trip Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). You must pre-register for this trip by calling either number and arranging carpool, if necessary. Trip will meet at North Park Motel (on main highway south edge of Walden) at Noon on Saturday, April 30. (For reservations at North Park Motel, call 1-723-4271). Group will leave motel at 4:00 A.M., Daylight Savings Time, on Sunday, May 1. Strutting grounds may be inaccessible in wet weather. Leader will have last-minute information. \*

\* BRING LUNCH

Submitted by:

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MARCH 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MAR. 5, Saturday. (Cancelled due to inclement weather and poor road conditions.)  
6, Sunday. (Cancelled for above reasons.)  
12, Saturday. Deer Creek Canyon, Buckhorn Dr., Marston Lake and McClelland Res. (MM-DC). Leaders: Vi and Henry Bossman. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Marg Brockmeyer, Glenna Corey, Jeffrey and Peggy Gonder, Alan Hay, Freda Krolik, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast, 42° to 62° F., calm). 47 mi. by car, 2½ mi. on foot; 7 hrs. (42 species, 645 individuals).  
12, Saturday. Cherry Creek Res., gravel pits at I-76 & 74th Ave., Rky. Mt. Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park, Prospect Res., Roggen, Orchard, Jackson Res., Muir Sprgs. (NECO). Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Mostly cloudy, 43°-60° F., wind variable, 0-15 mph.) 224 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 11½ hrs. (63 species, 8705 individuals).  
13, Sunday. South Platte Urban (URB). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Peggy Duffy, Irene Grenier, Lisa Hardy, Al Hay, John Leonard, Dick Pautch, Al Rupp, Helen, Scott and Tom Singer. (Clear to partly cloudy, 42°-60° F., wind calm.) 10 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 3½ hrs. (25 species, 469 individuals).

- MAR. 19, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt (WRG). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Warren Finch, Lisa Hardy, Ruth Wheeler. (Light snow, 12" on ground; 16° to 23° F.; wind, NW-5 mph) 10 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot; 4½ hrs. (37 species, 620 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Red Rocks and Morrison Parks. Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Lisa Hardy; Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm; Hal and Margo Rupp, Jim Schowalter. (Cloudy to light snow; 40° F.; no wind) ½ mi. on foot; 3 hrs. (19 species, 135 individuals).
- 21-23 Monday through Wednesday. San Luis Valley and Southeast Colorado: Hwy. 285 to Monte Vista and Alamosa NWR's, Hwy. 160 to Springfield, Hwy. 287 to Lamar, Hwy. 50 to Pueblo, I-25 to Denver, stopping at reservoirs and wildlife areas where possible (SVSE). Observers: Doug and Judy Ward. (From light overcast to blizzard conditions; many roads impassable due to mud and drifting snow; 20°-45° F.; winds 0-25 mph). 800+ mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 34 hrs. observation time. (83 species, 15,175 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Weather miserable: blowing snow, becoming mostly cloudy; 26° to 35° F., wind chill minus 10° F.; winds NNE, 15-40 mph). 10 hrs.; 36 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (39 species, 1005 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Ruby Ebright, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Frank Justice, Jan Justice, Kate Kittleman, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Dave Swanson. (Clear, 23°-40° F.) 20 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot; 8 hrs. (55 species, 1463 individuals).

| MARCH                     | 12    | 12       | 13  | 19  | 20  | 21-23   | 26   | 27     |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|-----|-----|-----|---------|------|--------|
| AREA                      | MM-DC | NECO     | URB | WRG | RRP | SVSE    | CCRA | CHAT   |
| HABITAT                   | Pl-Ft | Plns     | Pln | Pln | Fth | Pl-Ft   | Plns | Plns   |
| Pied-billed Grebe         |       | 1        | 1   | 2   |     |         |      |        |
| Horned Grebe              | 50    | 15       |     | 3   |     | 15      | 4    | 3      |
| American White Pelican    |       |          |     |     |     | 1       |      |        |
| Double-crested Cormorant  |       | 1        |     |     |     |         |      |        |
| Great Blue Heron          |       | 7        |     |     |     | 5       |      | 60     |
| Black-crowned Night Heron |       |          | 6   |     |     |         |      |        |
| Ross' Goose               |       |          |     |     |     |         |      | 1      |
| Canada Goose              | 9     | 120      | 160 | 21  |     | 55      | 14   | 75     |
| Green-winged Teal         | 3     | 350      | 6   | 7   |     | 144     | 10   | 225    |
| Mallard                   | 13    | 1750     | 40  | 36  |     | 1265    | 18   | 50     |
| Northern Pintail          | 8     | 1400     |     |     |     | 372     | 2    | 10     |
| Blue-winged Teal          |       | 1m       |     |     |     | 2m      |      | 1      |
| Cinnamon Teal             |       | 8m       |     |     |     | 122     | 4    | 12     |
| Northern Shoveler         |       | 825      |     |     |     | 175     | 14   | 20     |
| Gadwall                   | 7     | 650      | 28  | 25  |     | 744     | 15   | 90     |
| American Wigeon           | 3     | 125      | 30  | 28  |     | 144     | 5    | 25     |
| Canvasback                |       | 16m, 12f |     |     |     | 23      | 1m   |        |
| Redhead                   | 88    | 250      | 11  | 94  |     | 1329    | 15   | 60     |
| Ring-necked Duck          |       | 30       |     | 19  |     | 18      | 9    |        |
| Lesser Scaup              |       | 90       | 2   | 18  |     | 1115    | 7    | 15     |
| Common Goldeneye          | 3     | 6        | 2   | 10  |     | 3       | 1m   | 20     |
| Bufflehead                |       | 3m, 1f   |     | 2   |     | 17      | 1f   | 7      |
| Hooded Merganser          | 7     |          |     | 4   |     | 1m      |      | 2      |
| Common Merganser          | 63    | 5m, 1f   |     | 10  |     | 90      | 25   | 8      |
| Red-breasted Merganser    | 1     | 3m       |     |     |     | 20      |      |        |
| Ruddy Duck                |       |          |     |     |     | 27      | 3    | 10     |
| Bald Eagle                |       | 21       |     |     |     | 1a, 31  |      | 1      |
| Northern Harrier          |       | 1f       |     |     |     | 3m, 12f | 1f   | 1m, 2f |



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| Sharp-shinned Hawk        |                      | 1a                 |                  |                  |                  | 1a                     |                    |                    |
| Cooper's Hawk             |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 1                      |                    |                    |
| Northern Goshawk          |                      | 1a                 |                  |                  |                  | 1a, 1i                 |                    |                    |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | 2                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| "Western" races           |                      | 9                  |                  |                  |                  | 42                     | 6                  | 23                 |
| "Harlan's" race           |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    | 1                  |
| Ferruginous Hawk          |                      | 1a                 |                  |                  | 1                |                        |                    |                    |
| Rough-legged Hawk         |                      | 4                  |                  |                  |                  | 11                     |                    |                    |
| Golden Eagle              |                      |                    |                  |                  | 1                | 6a, 21                 |                    | 1                  |
| American Kestrel          | 1                    | 7                  | 4                | 1                |                  | 67                     | 5                  | 1m                 |
| Merlin                    |                      |                    |                  | 1                |                  | 2                      |                    |                    |
| Prairie Falcon            |                      | 2                  |                  |                  |                  | 5                      |                    | 3                  |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      |                      | 25                 |                  |                  |                  | 4                      | 12                 | 6                  |
| Northern Bobwhite         |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 12                     |                    |                    |
| Scaled Quail              |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 21                     |                    |                    |
| Virginia Rail             |                      |                    |                  | 1                |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| American Coot             | 77                   | 25                 | 3                | 10               |                  | 195                    | 7                  | 60                 |
| Sandhill Crane            |                      | 1                  |                  |                  |                  | 2100                   |                    |                    |
| Whooping Crane            |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 1a                     |                    |                    |
| Killdeer                  |                      | 12                 | 4                | 1                |                  | 75                     | 12                 | 10                 |
| Mountain Plover           |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 11                     |                    |                    |
| American Avocet           |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 4                      |                    |                    |
| <u>Solitary Sandpiper</u> |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 2                      |                    |                    |
| Common Snipe              |                      | 4                  |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| Ring-billed Gull          | 12                   | 175                | 8                | 2                |                  | 100                    | 8                  | 25                 |
| Herring Gull              |                      | 135                |                  |                  |                  | 4                      |                    | 35                 |
| Thayer's Gull             |                      | 1a                 |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| Rock Dove                 | 92                   | 5                  | 20               | 48               | 55               | 244                    | 7                  | 4                  |
| Mourning Dove             |                      |                    | 1                |                  |                  | 16                     |                    |                    |
| Eastern Screech-Owl       |                      | 1(H)               |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| Great Horned Owl          | 2                    | 1, 1(N)            |                  |                  | 1                | 1(N)                   |                    | 2(N) 7             |
| Long-eared Owl            |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    | 1(N)               |
| Belted Kingfisher         | 2                    |                    | 4                |                  |                  | 1                      |                    | 1                  |
| Downy Woodpecker          |                      | 1                  | 1m, 1f           |                  |                  |                        |                    | 1                  |
| eastern races             |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 1                      | 1                  | 1f                 |
| Hairy Woodpecker          |                      | 1                  |                  |                  |                  | 1                      |                    | 1                  |
| "Rocky Mountain" race     |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 1                      |                    |                    |
| Northern Flicker          |                      |                    |                  |                  | 2                |                        |                    |                    |
| "Red-shafted" race        | 2                    | 1                  | 7                | 5                | 8                | 11                     | 13                 | 8                  |
| hybrid                    |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 1                      |                    |                    |
| Horned Lark               |                      | 50                 |                  |                  |                  | 1165                   | 100                | 40                 |
| Steller's Jay             |                      | 8                  |                  |                  | 3                |                        | 7                  |                    |
| Blue Jay                  | 1                    | 2                  |                  |                  |                  | 1                      |                    | 2                  |
| Scrub Jay                 |                      | 8                  |                  |                  | 7                | 2                      | 12                 |                    |
| Pinyon Jay                |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  |                        | 6                  |                    |
| Black-billed Magpie       | 9                    | 5                  | 115              | 19               | 20               | 150                    | 91                 | 40                 |
| American Crow             | 1                    | 2                  | 3                | 1                |                  | 36                     | 3                  |                    |
| Chihuahuan Raven          |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 4                      |                    |                    |
| Common Raven              |                      | 2                  |                  |                  | 5                | 10                     | 65                 |                    |
| Black-capped Chickadee    | 5                    | 8                  | 11               |                  | 3                | 3                      |                    | 1                  |
| Mountain Chickadee        |                      | 3                  |                  |                  |                  | 3                      | 2                  | 1                  |
| White-breasted Nuthatch   |                      | 1                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 2                  | 1                  |
| Brown Creeper             |                      | 1                  |                  |                  | 4                |                        |                    | 3                  |
| Canyon Wren               |                      | 1                  |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| Marsh Wren                |                      | 1                  |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| American Dipper           |                      |                    | 1                |                  | 2                |                        | 3                  | 1                  |

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| Eastern Bluebird           |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 6                      |                    |                    |
| Western Bluebird           |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    | 1                  |
| Mountain Bluebird          |                      |                    |                  | 2                |                  | 23                     | 10                 | 35                 |
| Townsend's Solitaire       | 1                    | 1                  |                  |                  | 2                | 3                      |                    |                    |
| American Robin             | 28                   | 8                  | 25               | 1                | 5                | 27                     | 73                 | 211                |
| Sage Thrasher              |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 2                      | 32                 | 10                 |
| Cedar Waxwing              |                      | 150                |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| Northern Shrike            |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 5                      | 3                  | 1                  |
| Loggerhead Shrike          |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 1                      |                    |                    |
| European Starling          | 23                   | 900                | 80               | 65               | 1                | 755                    | 95                 | 275                |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler      |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    | 140                |
| "Myrtle" race              |                      |                    |                  | 4                |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| Rufous-sided Towhee        | 2                    | 2                  |                  |                  | 1                |                        |                    |                    |
| Brown Towhee               |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 3                      |                    |                    |
| American Tree Sparrow      |                      | 7                  |                  | 1                |                  | 17                     |                    | 15                 |
| Song Sparrow               | 1                    | 1                  | 5                | 2                | 18               | 7                      | 2                  | 1                  |
| Swamp Sparrow              |                      |                    |                  | 11               |                  |                        |                    | 7                  |
| White-crowned Sparrow      |                      | 40                 |                  |                  |                  | 275                    | 8                  | 10                 |
| Harris' Sparrow            |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 1                      |                    | 2                  |
| Dark-eyed Junco            | 6                    | 14                 |                  |                  | 18               |                        | 7                  |                    |
| "Slate-colored" race       | 2                    | 2                  | 1                | 8                |                  | 11                     | 3                  | 3                  |
| "Oregon" race              | 6                    | 5                  | 18               | 10               |                  | 33                     | 15                 | 2                  |
| "Gray-headed" race         | 3                    | 9                  |                  | 1                |                  | 1                      |                    | 3                  |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 8                      |                    |                    |
| Red-winged Blackbird       | 1                    | 1                  | 1000             | 1                | 80               | 930                    | 75                 | 60                 |
| Western Meadowlark         | 11                   | 80                 |                  |                  |                  | 232                    | 43                 | 3                  |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird    |                      |                    |                  |                  |                  | 6                      |                    | 20                 |
| Brewer's Blackbird         |                      | 15                 |                  |                  |                  |                        |                    |                    |
| Rosy Finch                 |                      |                    |                  |                  | 19               |                        |                    |                    |
| House Finch                | 2                    | 20                 |                  | 12               |                  | 39                     | 6                  | 100                |
| American Goldfinch         |                      | 3                  |                  |                  |                  |                        | 1                  | 1                  |
| House Sparrow              | 8                    | 1                  | 150              | 2                | 24               | 185                    | 35                 | 75                 |
| TOTAL SPECIES - 106        | 42                   | 63                 | 25               | 37               | 19               | 83                     | 39                 | 55                 |

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl,pln,plns=plains; ft,fth=foot-hills; m=male; f=female; i=immature; (N)=on nest; (H)=heard only.

#### ADDITIONAL MARCH REPORTS:

Eared Grebe 3-5 (3) Sloan's Lake (BS, RW).  
 Double-crested Cormorant 3-13 (1) So. Platte River at Stadium (PE).  
 Wood Duck 3-28 (4m, 1f) Chatfield S.P. (MW).  
 Barrow's Goldeneye 3-12 (15) Grand Lake (DN); 3-29 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).  
 Bald Eagle 3-13 (1 ad.) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (JH).  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 3-21 (1) S.E. Denver (RG).  
 Red-tailed Hawk 3-6 (1 ad. "Harlan's" race) Hwy. 52 at County Line Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW).  
 Greater Yellowlegs 3-1,2 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (AH, DN).  
 Franklin's Gull 3-27 (2) Hwy. 42 at Arapahoe Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW).  
 Lewis' Woodpecker 3-6 (9) Olney Springs (RB,BM).  
 Say's Phoebe 3-11 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 3-27 (1) Penrose (JA,RB).  
 Chihuahuan Raven 3-25 (3) E. El Paso Co. (RB,EW); 3-1 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB).  
 Eastern Bluebird 3-1 (1) Hanna Ranch, El Paso Co. (RB).  
 Northern Mockingbird 3-6 (1) UCCS, Pueblo (RB,BM).  
 Sage Thrasher 3-1 (15) Phantom Canyon, Fremont Co. (RB); 3-21 (15) E. El Paso Co. (RB, BM); 3-25 (12) El Paso Co. (RB,EW).

Curve-billed Thrasher 3-6 (5) Olney Springs area (RB,BM); 3-21 (2) El Paso Co. (RB,BM).  
Field Sparrow 3-25 (1) 900 bl. Asbury, Colo. Springs (RB,EW).  
Sage Sparrow 3-25 (1) Myers at Squirrel Creek Rd., El Paso Co. (RB,EW).  
White-throated Sparrow 3-4 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).  
Rosy Finch 3-13 (100 "Brown-capped" race) Grand Lake area (DN).  
Pine Grosbeak 3-12 (2) 2 mi. NE of Grand Lake (DN).  
Purple Finch 3-20 (1) feeder, 1500 bl. Cheyenne Blvd. Colo Sprgs. (JA,RB,JM,EW);  
3/15-25 (up to 5f, 3m) Evergreen (EVE).

CONTRIBUTORS: Jan Allbright (JA), Richard Bunn (RB), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Robert Glover (RG), John Hannum (JH), Alan Hay (AH), Frank and Jan Justice (FJJ), Bill Maynard (BM), John Maynard (JM), Duan e Nelson (DN), Bob Spencer (BS), Else VanErp (EVE), Mike Ward (MW), Doug and Judy Ward (DJW), Ruth Wheeler (RW), Elinor Wills (EW).

MAY MEETING: May 24, 1983

Susan Taylor -- White Pelicans at  
Riverside Reservoir

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Deborah Ostergard, 1965 Fairfax St., Denver, Colorado 80220 (333-9498)  
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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1983-1984

The following slate of officers and directors for the Denver Field Ornithologists has been proposed by the nominating committee to serve from September 1983 through August 1984. This slate will be presented at the regular monthly meeting on April 26, 1983, and voted upon at the regular monthly meeting on May 24, 1983.

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| President:               | Jack Reddall          |
| Vice-President:          | Kathy Hawkins         |
| Treasurer:               | Bob Righter           |
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| Corresponding Secretary: | Ruth Bull             |
| Field Trip Chairpersons: | Ruth Wheeler          |
|                          | Bob Spencer           |
| Editor, Lark Bunting:    | Judy Ward             |
| Board of Directors:      | 1984 Patty Echelmeyer |
|                          | Lynn Willcockson      |
|                          | 1985 Carol Hack       |
|                          | Duane Nelson          |
|                          | 1986 Don Johnson      |
|                          | Herman Kretschmer     |

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Margaret Elliott, Chairman  
Henry Bossman  
Alan Hay

RARE BIRD ALERT: (759-1060) We wish to thank VIVIAN PLILER for her generous contribution to this new system.

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Contact Robert Righter, 2685 S. Dayton #207, Denver 80231



# THE FIRST COLORADO CONGRESS OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

You are invited to attend the First Colorado Congress of Field Ornithologists in Denver, Colorado, on May 27-29, 1983. It is open to the public and will be held at Regis College where dormitory housing and other facilities will be available.

This event originated when the Colorado Field Ornithologists decided to hold its annual convention in Denver, home of The Denver Field Ornithologists and the Denver Audubon Society. Recognizing the potential to promote the field study of birds, these three groups banded together to sponsor the First Colorado Congress of Field Ornithologists.

A joint committee has set the program. Activities will commence on Friday afternoon with guest check-in (4-8 p.m.) and registration check-in (4-9 p.m.) in the Science Building lobby, accompanied by a reception and wildlife films that evening (7-9 p.m.).

Saturday morning, field trips will be led to several Denver birding areas; while in the afternoon, an art show and sale will highlight the presentation of papers. Saturday evening's program will open with a social hour, followed by a banquet and presentation by Perry Conway, a noted wildlife photographer.

Sunday morning, field activities resume at Barr Lake including a picnic sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Finally, Sunday afternoon, a group visit to the Denver Museum of Natural History with tours of the zoological collection is scheduled.

We sincerely hope you will attend the First Colorado Congress of Field Ornithologists and share in the festivities; the program is suitable for recreational birders as well as professional ornithologists!

Please Note: It is essential that you pre-register so the proper arrangements can be made. (If you register at the door, some of the activities may be already filled.) Space on the field trips will be limited to 15 people per section; additional sections for a given trip may be added. Please pre-register by completing the form below indicating the number of people for each activity and the appropriate fees. Registrants will receive a complete information packet at registration check-in.

For more information, contact: Ruth Breckon, 455-0970 (Registration Coordinator); Jan Justice, 936-4547 (Trip Coordinator); Bob Righter, 337-6434 (Housing Coordinator); Steve Bissell, 297-1192 (Trip Coordinator).

Please complete and return to Frank Justice, Treasurer, 1917 S. Quitman, Denver, CO 80219 by May 10. Make Checks Payable to: The Colorado Congress of Field Ornithologists

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee, \$5/person x \_\_\_\_\_ people (late regis. \$7) = \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet \$12/person x \_\_\_\_\_ people (late regis. \$14) = \_\_\_\_\_

Housing (double rooms only) \$10/person/night x \_\_\_\_\_ people x \_\_\_\_\_ nights  
[\_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_ Sun] = \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trips: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

## Saturday, May 28

6:00 a.m. Wheatridge Greenbelt, \_\_\_\_\_ people  
7:00 a.m. Chatfield State Park, \_\_\_\_\_ people  
7:00 a.m. Roxborough State Park, \_\_\_\_\_ people  
8:00 a.m. Regis Area Lakes (late risers) \_\_\_\_\_ people

## Sunday, May 29

Anytime from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Barr Lake, \_\_\_\_\_ people  
2:00 p.m. Denver Museum of Natural History, \_\_\_\_\_ people

Thank you!

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1983

APR. 30 Saturday and Sunday. NORTH PARK (Overnight). See April schedule for details & MAY 1, or call Field Trip Committee.

7, Saturday. COLORADO SPRINGS, FOUNTAIN AREA. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Call leader for time and place of meeting. \*

8, Sunday. RIGLI RANCH. Leader: Joe Rigli. (Call Field Trip Committee for more information.) Carpool at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot, at 7:00 A.M. Join group at Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson at 7:45 A.M. \*

SPRING COUNT 1983

Hugh Kingery, Coordinator. Send reports to Kathy Hawkins, 6860 E. Mississippi Denver, Colorado 80224

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Saturday BEAR CREEK Mary Jane Schock 922-3144  
WATERTON Hugh Kingery 333-0161  
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MAY 15, BARR LAKE Dick Schottler 985-0579  
Sunday CHERRY CREEK Floyd Pendell 758-5530 (Meet 6:00 A.M., West Gate)  
BARR PERIPHERY Walt Bull 751-5530 (Meet 7:00 A.M., Bromley & Piccadilly)  
CASTLEWOOD CANYON Paul Rechel 688-6255 (Meet 7:00 A.M., Texaco Sta., Franktown)

MAY 14 & 15 BONNY RESERVOIR Dieter Kamm 697-9681. Leave Saturday A.M., return late Sunday. Camping.

MAY 21, Saturday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM, DEER CREEK and TURKEY CREEK. Leader: Bobby Ausfahl (798-0552). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. \*

21, Saturday. BOULDER BIRD CLUB offers special  $\frac{1}{2}$  day trip to study and identify sparrow species. Leader: Merrill Gilfillan (449-3968).

22, Sunday. BOULDER and NORTH. Leader: Doug Ward (666-8985). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Postal Station, east side of Crossroads Shopping Ctr., 1 blk north of Arapaho on 30th. Carpool @ 6:30 A.M., Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth.\*

in conjunction with  
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MAY 28, Saturday.

ROXBOROUGH PARK: Leave Regis College at 6:00 A.M.; meet at Rampart and Roxborough Roads at 7:00 A.M. Three staff leaders from Colo. State Parks Dept. Those not staying at Regis may carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan. Coordinate with Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). \*

WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT: Leaders: Dave Martin, Duane Nelson. Leave Regis at 6:00 A.M. \*

CHATFIELD STATE PARK: Leaders: Dick Pratt, Jan Justice. Leave Regis 6:00 A.M. Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr. (Hampden @ Sheridan) west of May D&F, 7:00 A.M.\*

REGIS COLLEGE AREA: Leader: Ruth Breckon. Leave Regis at 8:00 A.M.

29, Sunday. BARR LAKE and VICINITY. Leaders: Walter Bull, Doug and Judy Ward. Leave Regis at 7:00 A.M. and meet at Barr Lake at 8:00 A.M.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REGISTER FOR CONVENTION TRIPS

\* Bring lunch.



THE LARK BUNTING  
MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS  
OF THE  
DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M., AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: May 24, 1983

Susan Taylor -- White Pelicans at Riverside Reservoir

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APRIL 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- APR. 2, Saturday. Fairmount Cemetery and Windsor Lake (FAIR). Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Dave Childs, Glenna Corey, Sylvia Goldring, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Susan Levin, Roland Olderog, Deb Ostergard, Hal Rupp, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear and mild; 49° F., wind-5 mph). 6½ hrs.; 2½ mi. on foot. (35 species, 600 ind.).
- 8, Friday. Denver to Wray to Bonney Res. (W-BON). Observers: Ken LaBord, David Martin, Duane Nelson. (Partly cloudy, 20° to 40° F.; wind calm). 16.5 hrs.; 6 mi. on foot, 466 by car. (63 species, 2092 individuals).
- 9, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes and Wheatridge Greenbelt (NWD). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Nancy Boyd, Ruth Breckon, David Child, Glenna Corey, Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Floyd Pendell, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy, mild). 1 mi. on foot, 27 mi. by car; 7 hrs. (44 species, 1262 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Boulder-Longmont: Hiram Prince Res., Boulder Creek at Hwy 66, Panama Res., Gaynor Lakes, Union Res., ponds east of Mead, Swede Lakes, Walden Pond, Hoffman Lake (BOLD). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Judy Merrill, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi. (Cloudy and cold to clear and warm; 30° to 60° F.; wind calm). 9½ hrs.; 82 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (58 species, 5398 individuals).





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|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Bufflehead               |                   | 6                  |                  | 30                 | 24                 |                     |                    | 2                  | 2                |
| Common Merganser         | 20                | 40                 | 12               | 13                 |                    |                     |                    | 6                  |                  |
| Red-breasted Merganser   |                   |                    |                  | 1                  | 1f                 |                     |                    | 6                  |                  |
| Ruddy Duck               | 6                 | 40                 |                  | 8                  | 32                 |                     |                    | 20                 | 3                |
| Osprey                   |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     | 1                  | 2                  |                  |
| Northern Harrier         |                   | 12m, 1f            |                  | 1f                 | 5                  |                     | 3                  |                    | 1                |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | 1                 |                    |                  |                    |                    | 3                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Cooper's Hawk            | 1                 |                    |                  |                    | 2                  |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Northern Goshawk         |                   |                    |                  |                    | 1                  |                     | 1                  |                    |                  |
| Swainson's Hawk          |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     | 1                  | 2                  | 4                |
| Red-tailed Hawk          |                   |                    | 1                |                    |                    |                     |                    | 1                  |                  |
| "Western" races          |                   | 35                 |                  | 2                  |                    | 10                  | 2                  |                    |                  |
| Rough-legged Hawk        |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 3                |
| Buteo species            | 1                 |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 3                |
| Golden Eagle             |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 4                |
| American Kestrel         | 6                 | 29                 | 3                | 27                 | 8                  | 11                  | 3                  | 6                  | 3                |
| Merlin                   |                   | 1                  |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Prairie Falcon           |                   |                    | 1                |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 1                |
| Ring-necked Pheasant     |                   | 65                 |                  | 1                  | 3                  |                     | 2                  | 1                  |                  |
| Sage Grouse              |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 70               |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken  |                   | 51                 |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Wild Turkey              |                   | 1                  |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| American Coot            | 8                 | 30                 | 60               | 42                 | 110                | 2                   | 26                 | 275                | 100              |
| Sandhill Crane           | 200               |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Black-bellied Plover     |                   | 30                 | 3                | 23                 | 15                 | 10                  | 4                  | 4                  | 2                |
| Killdeer                 |                   |                    |                  | 1                  | 6                  |                     |                    |                    | 12               |
| American Avocet          |                   |                    |                  | 2                  | 1                  |                     | 2                  |                    | 9                |
| Greater Yellowlegs       |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 2                |
| Willet                   |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 25               |
| Long-billed Curlew       |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 2                |
| Marbled Godwit           |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 3                |
| Pectoral Sandpiper       |                   |                    |                  |                    | 1                  |                     |                    |                    | 1                |
| Long-billed Dowitcher    |                   |                    |                  | 1                  |                    | 7                   |                    |                    | 15               |
| Common Snipe             |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 150              |
| Wilson's Phalarope       |                   |                    |                  | 1                  |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Red-necked Phalarope     |                   |                    |                  | 15                 |                    |                     |                    | 4                  | 1                |
| Franklin's Gull          |                   |                    | 1                |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Bonaparte's Gull         | 30                | 1                  | 202              | 2580               | 20                 | 2                   | 4                  |                    | 6                |
| Ring-billed Gull         | 20                |                    | 6                | 14                 |                    |                     |                    |                    | 4                |
| California Gull          | 2                 |                    |                  | 2                  |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Herring Gull             |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    | 2                  |                  |
| Gull species             |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Rock Dove                | 1                 | 10                 | 35               | 12                 | 6                  | 25                  |                    |                    | 40               |
| Mourning Dove            | 1                 | 8                  | 1                | 1                  | 6                  | 5                   |                    |                    | 10               |
| Common Barn-Owl          |                   | 1                  |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Great Horned Owl         |                   | 10                 |                  | 1                  | 1(H)               | 4                   | 2a, 1i             | 6                  |                  |
| Northern Pygmy-Owl       |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 1                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Burrowing Owl            |                   |                    |                  |                    | 3                  |                     | 2                  | 4                  |                  |
| Common Nighthawk         |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     | 1                  |                    |                  |
| Belted Kingfisher        | 2                 | 1                  | 1                | 4                  | 1                  | 12                  |                    |                    | 1                |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker   |                   | 1f                 |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Downy Woodpecker         |                   | 8                  |                  |                    | 3                  |                     |                    | 2                  |                  |
| "Batchelder's" race      |                   |                    |                  | 1f                 |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Hairy Woodpecker         |                   |                    |                  |                    | 1                  |                     |                    |                    |                  |

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| Northern Flicker         |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    | 2                  |                  |
| "Yellow-shafted" race    |                   | 9                  |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| "Red-shafted" race       | 26                | 2                  | 5                | 10                 | 9                  | 15                  | 1                  | 10                 | 5                |
| Say's Phoebe             |                   |                    |                  |                    | 1                  |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Horned Lark              |                   | 500                |                  | 1                  | 20                 | 10                  | 1                  | 2                  | 14               |
| Tree Swallow             |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 1                   |                    | 6                  |                  |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     | 4                  |                    |                  |
| Barn Swallow             |                   |                    |                  | 1                  |                    | 3                   | 5                  |                    | 1                |
| Swallow species          |                   |                    | 1                |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Steller's Jay            |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 6                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Blue Jay                 |                   | 12                 | 1                | 5                  | 1                  |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Scrub Jay                |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 3                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Black-billed Magpie      | 67                | 25                 | 37               | 25                 | 19                 | 50                  | 10                 | 16                 | 12               |
| American Crow            |                   | 5                  | 3                | 6                  |                    |                     |                    | 3                  | L(H)             |
| Common Raven             |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 1                   |                    |                    | 1                |
| Black-capped Chickadee   | (H)               | 14                 | 2                |                    | 14                 | 5                   |                    | 1                  | 8                |
| Mountain Chickadee       |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 6                   |                    |                    |                  |
| White-breasted Nuthatch  |                   | 3                  |                  |                    | 2                  |                     |                    | 1                  | 4                |
| Pygmy Nuthatch           |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 1                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Brown Creeper            | 3                 | 1                  |                  |                    | 1                  |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Marsh Wren               |                   |                    | 1                |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| American Dipper          |                   |                    | 2                |                    |                    | 5                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Mountain Bluebird        |                   | 2                  |                  | 15                 |                    | 4                   |                    |                    | 10               |
| Townsend's Solitaire     | 2                 |                    |                  |                    |                    | 2                   |                    |                    | 1                |
| American Robin           | 26                | 55                 | 41               | 33                 | 8                  | 85                  | 12                 | 2                  | 20               |
| Northern Mockingbird     |                   | 3                  |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 50               |
| Sage Thrasher            |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 5                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Brown Thrasher           |                   |                    |                  |                    | 1                  |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Water Pipit              |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 9                |
| Cedar Waxwing            |                   | 175                |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| Loggerhead Shrike        |                   | 2                  |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 2                |
| European Starling        | 40                | 20                 | 45               | 170                | 60                 | 150                 |                    | 52                 | 50               |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler    |                   | 1                  |                  |                    |                    | 1                   |                    |                    | 8                |
| "Myrtle" race            |                   | 1                  |                  |                    |                    | 1                   |                    |                    |                  |
| "Audubon's" race         |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    | 2                   |                    |                    |                  |
| Green-tailed Towhee      |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 1                |
| Rufous-sided Towhee      |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 4                |
| Song Sparrow             | 3                 | 5                  | 10               |                    | 8                  | 6                   |                    | 4                  | 4                |
| White-crowned Sparrow    | 7                 | 7                  | 2                | 1                  | 20                 |                     |                    |                    | 1                |
| Dark-eyed Junco          |                   |                    |                  |                    | 7                  | 30                  |                    |                    | 3                |
| "Slate-colored" race     | 3                 | 25                 | 1                | 2                  | 2                  | 1                   | 4                  |                    |                  |
| "Oregon" race            | 13                | 20                 |                  | 1                  |                    | 1                   | 4                  |                    |                  |
| "Gray-headed" race       | 7                 | 5                  |                  |                    | 1                  | 4                   | 8                  |                    |                  |
| Red-winged Blackbird     |                   | 250                | 9                | 180                | 290                | 35                  |                    | 65                 | 30               |
| Western Meadowlark       |                   | 161                | 2                | 40                 | 22                 | 20                  |                    | 12                 | 10               |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird  |                   | 9                  |                  |                    | 3                  |                     |                    |                    | 1                |
| Brewer's Blackbird       |                   | 33                 |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 80               |
| Common Grackle           |                   | 1                  | 1                |                    | 4                  | 10                  |                    | 6                  | 2                |
| Brown-headed Cowbird     |                   |                    |                  |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    | 3                |
| House Finch              | 9                 |                    | 9                | 8                  |                    | 5                   | 1                  |                    | 12               |
| American Goldfinch       |                   | 5                  |                  | 12                 |                    |                     |                    |                    |                  |
| House Sparrow            | 7                 | 35                 | 32               | 100                | 25                 | 10                  |                    |                    | 10               |
| TOTAL SPECIES - 121      | 35                | 63                 | 44               | 58                 | 58                 | 49                  | 35                 | 53                 | 66               |

ABBREVIATIONS: Plns=plains; ft=foothills; hp=high plains; m=male; f=female; i=immature; (H)=heard only.



ADDITIONAL APRIL 1983 REPORTS:

Common Loon 4-16 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ).  
 Snowy Egret 4-23 (4) Lock Buie exit on I-76 (DJW).  
 White-faced Ibis 4-16 (2) Edwards, CO (BR); 4-16 (25) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ, JB); 4-17 (7) near Horse Creek Res. (JB); 4-23 (35) Orchard, CO (DJW); 4-28 (6) Cherry Creek R.A. (AH) 4-16 (20) Barr Lake (KK, DS).  
 Snow Goose 4-28, 29, 30 (1) So. Platte River at Alameda (SW).  
 Eurasian Wigeon 4-11, 12, 14 (1 ma.) Lake Minnequa, Pueblo (RB, DCG, BM, JRW).  
 Greater Scaup 4-17 (1) Walden Ponds (KK, CB).  
 Osprey 4-16 (2) Chatfield S.P. (JB, KK, DS); 4-17 (1) Bonny Res. (RB); 4-28 (1) Cherry Creek Res. (AH).  
 Northern Goshawk 4-9 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 4-18 (1) W. 11th Ave. & Cherokee St. (TM); 4-26 (1) Gregory Canyon (KK).  
 Broad-winged Hawk 4-23 (1 sub. ad.) Boulder (KK); 4-23 (2) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 4-28 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (AH); 4-30 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).  
 Merlin 4-9 (1) Boulder (KK); 4-17 (1) Sawhill Ponds (KK).  
 Peregrine Falcon 4-10 (1) Boulder Res. (KK); 4-29 (1) Red Lion W.A. near Crook (DJW).  
 Chukar 4-10 (1) "killed and plucked by a Cooper's Hawk," Grape Cr., Temple Canyon (RB).  
 Greater Prairie-Chicken 4-16 (35), 4-17 (11ma) north of Wray (RB).  
 Mountain Plover 4-30 (3) near Calahan (RB).  
 Black-necked Stilt 4-23 (2) CF&I Lake, Pueblo (RB).  
 Solitary Sandpiper 4-30 (1) Barr Lake (JB).  
 Upland Sandpiper 4-30 (2) east of Red Lion R.A. (RB).  
 Long-billed Curlew 4-16 (7) 128th & Picadilly (KK, DS).  
 Marbled Godwit 4-17 (3) Bonny Res. (RB); 4-23 (7) Latham Res. (DJW).  
 Dunlin 4-23 (1) CF&I Lake, Pueblo (RB, BM).  
 Thayer's Gull 4-17 (1 first winter) Bonny Res. (RB).  
 Sabine's Gull 4-17 (1) Bonny Res. (RB).

ROSS' GULL 4-28 to ? (1 immature plumage) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgewick/Logan Co., northeast of Crook, CO (BP, m.ob.). First state record. There will undoubtedly be numerous discussions and published articles on this incredible sighting.

Common Barn-Owl 4-17 (1) Bonny Res. (RB); 4-24 (1) Hanna Ranch, Colo. Sprgs. (RB).  
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 4-28 to 30 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).  
 Chimney Swift 4-30 (3) Limon (RB).  
 Hairy Woodpecker 4-8 (1) Lakewood (PE).  
 Eastern Kingbird 4-23 (1) Pinyon (RB).  
 Hermit Thrush 4-30 (1) Barr Lake (JB).  
 Varied Thrush 4-16 (1 fe) Chatfield S.P. (KK, DS).  
 Orange-crowned Warbler 4-30 (2) Barr Lake; (2) Denver (JB).  
 Common Yellowthroat 4-28 (2) Cherry Creek R.A. (AH).  
 Clay-colored Sparrow 4-30 (2) Barr Lake; (1) Prospect Re. (JB).  
 Black-throated Sparrow 4-24 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB).  
 Lincoln's Sparrow 4-30 (1) Prospect Re. (JB).  
 White-throated Sparrow 4-30 (1) Prospect Res. (JB).  
 McCown's Longspur 4-30 (3) Red Lion W.A. (RB).  
 Chestnut-collared Longspur 4-16 (50) near Bonny Res. (RB).

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REMINDER: Don't forget the Colorado Congress of Field Ornithologists on Memorial Day Weekend at Regis College, W. 50th and Lowell Blvd. (See last month's Lark Bunting for details.) It should be a great weekend.

NOTE OF THANKS: Thanks to Tina Jones and Roberta Ausfahl for contributing to the to the Rare Bird Alert System.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 1983

- JUNE 4, Saturday. BUFFALO CREEK, WELLINGTON LAKE. Leader: Chris Blakeslee. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Pine Jct. on U.S. 285 at 8:00 A.M. or carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr., Hampden & Sheridan at 7:15 A.M. \*
- 5, Sunday. PAWNEE GRASSLANDS. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. \*
- 11, Saturday. RIVERSIDE RESERVOIR (nesting pelicans) and other nearby reservoirs. Leader: Sue Taylor (234-4988). Carpool at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot, at 6:00 A.M. Meet leader at 6:45 A.M. at the Pepper Pod, Hudson, CO\*
- 12, Sunday. BEAR CREEK (plains to mountains). Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr., Hampden & Sheridan, southwest of May D&F. \*
- 18, Saturday. PERRY PARK AREA. Leader: Jerry Alliger (681-2000). Carpool at 7:00 A.M., Dry Creek Shopping Ctr., Hampden & So. Logan. Meet leader at entrance to Perry Park at 8:00 A.M. \*
- 19, Sunday. RED ROCKS & MORRISON PARKS. Leader: Jerome Besser (985-4816). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Safeway lot in Green Mt. Shopping Area on Alameda, first light beyond Union. Lunch optional.
- 18-21, Saturday-Tuesday. NORTH PARK. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Come for all or part of the time. Campground north of Walden or North Park Motel (1-723-4271). Meet at North Park Motel at 12:00 noon on Sat., June 18, or call leader for other arrangements. \*
- 25, Saturday. PLUM CREEK, CASTLEWOOD. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Ctr., Hampden and So. Logan. Meet leader at 7:30 A.M. at Sedalia on U.S. 85. \*
- 26, Sunday. LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Afternoon trip. Meet at Jefferson Co. Boettcher Nature Center at 1:30 P.M. This is on Colorow Road. Beginning and advanced birders welcome.
- 29, Wednesday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leaders: Warner and Ruth Reeser. Carpool at Wheatridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot, at 7:00 A.M. Meet leaders at Park Headquarters at 9:00 A.M. \*

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MAY 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

MAY 7, Saturday. No report received.

8, Sunday. Rigli Ranch (RI). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Virginia Edens; Dieter, Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm; Dorothy Lechnir, Susan Levin, Steve Snyder, David Suits, Vito Tursi and Keith Wiley. (Clear to partly cloudy; 40° to 70° F.; wind SE 0-15 mph). 10 hrs.; 8 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (51 species, 253 individuals).

7-8, Saturday and Sunday. Strasburg to Two Buttes Res. (Baca Co.) via Hwy 287; Carrizo and Cottonwood Canyons; E. of Campo, Hwy 287 to Lamar; Hwy 50 to John Martin Res., Cheraw and Dye Res., Rocky Ford S.W.A.; Limon via Hwy 71 (Southeast Colorado - SEC). Observers: Doug and Judy Ward. (Partly cloudy to clear; 35° to 70° F.; winds variable, 0-25 mph) 28 hrs.; 780 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot (137 species, 4957 individuals).

14-15 SPRING COUNT. Hugh Kingery, Coordinator. Kathy Hawkins, Compiler.

Saturday, May 14

Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Tim Schowalter, Robert Spencer. (Snowing A.M., fair P.M.; calm wind; 30° to 36° F.) 11 hrs. (71 species).



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- Bear Creek (BC). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Kathy Demarest, Warren Finch, Freda Krolík, Jo and Don Shrode, Susan Werner, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; calm wind, 32° to 43° F.) 9 hrs., 36½ mi. (74 species).
- Waterton (WTN). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Allan Lavery, Dick Pratt. (Snow, overcast). 7 hrs. (87 species).
- Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Virginia Edens, Kathy Hirst, Don Johnson, Jackie King, Thompson Marsh. (Fog, snow, rain, overcast; wind 3-5 mph.; 32° to 43° F.). 10½ hrs.; 24 mi. (109 species).

# Sunday, May 15

- Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: John Bregar, Warren Finch, Judy Ward. (A.M. cloudy, P.M. mostly cloudy; wind 0-10 mph.; 36° to 55° F.). 12 hrs.; 11 mi. on foot. (112 species).
- Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Kin DuBois, Hazel Kellogg, Susan Weinberg. (Foggy, partly cloudy; calm wind; 37° to 50°). 6½ hrs.; 11 mi. (53 species).
- Barr Periphery (BLP). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: Ruth Bull, John Leonard, Tim Schowalter, Steve Snyder. (Fog, rain, partly sunny; wind 0-5 mph.; 33° to 55° F.) 6 hrs.; 48 mi. (76 species).
- Castlewood Canyon State Park (CC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Virginia Edens, Clara Hassig, Al Hay, Vicki Pliler, Jo Shrode, Rea Siffring. (Rain mixed with snow, partly cloudy; 35° to 50° F.) 8 hrs., 8 mi. (57 species).

- 14-15, Saturday-Sunday. Bonny Reservoir (BON). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Mel and Vera Gabel; Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm; Darren Kunkel. (Raining to partly cloudy; 34° to 50° F.; wind calm). Approx. 18 hrs. (104 species, 1245 individuals).
- 21, Saturday. Denver Botanic Arboratum at Chatfield, Deer Creek (CH). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Bob and Helen Geick, Syd Glick, Alan and Dee Hay, Freda Krolík, Thompson Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Del, Caren and Dale Twogood, E. J. Warren, Martha Ann Webber, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear and warm.) 6½ hrs.; 25 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (48 species, 111 ind.).
- 21, Saturday. Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, Red Rocks Park, Barr Lake S.P.--Metro Denver (MET). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; 40° to 68° F. Wind SW, 0-15 mph). 13 hrs.; 169 mi. by car, 8 mi. on foot. (109 species, 1612 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Boulder Creek on Campus and at 30th Street, Gregory Canyon, Chautauqua Park, Baseline Res., Walden Ponds and Sawhill Ponds (BLD). Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Alan Hay, Brian Mann, Duane Nelson, JoAnn Pettinicchio, Dick Schottler and Steve Snyder. (Overcast to partly cloudy, intermittent light rain; 45° to 60° F.; wind calm). 9 hrs.; 9 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (83 species, 1030 ind.).
- 28, Roxborough Park (ROX). Park Service Leader: Carol Jones. Volunteer Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Phyllis Caswell, Doris Cruze, Claudia Custer, Catherine Dunphy, Gerald Dunphy, Bob Geick, Helen Geick; Jeff, John and Peggy Gonder; Bob Jickling, Lynn Johnson, Nancy Jones, Joy Kinney, Jean Maguire, Walter Maguire, Lee Nagle, Betty and Harold Oliver, Harland Rupp, Carolyn Runyon, Audrey and Ronald Ryder, John Sanden, Mary Jane Schock, Helen and Tom Singer, Mort Staatz, Tom Strong, Marion Teele, Ruth Wheeler, Mike Wireman, Tom Wiselobel. (Fair, 57° to 73° F.; wind calm). 4½ hrs.; 2 mi. on foot. (43 species, 194 individuals).

28, Wheatridge Greenbelt (WG). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Jim Karey, Jane Smith, Jim and Valerie York. (Clear, 55° to 75° F.). 4 hrs.; 4 mi. on foot. (34 species, 389 individuals).

29, Barr Lake State Park. Due to uncoordinated activities of participants, an accurate list of observers and species count was not possible.

| MAY                       | 8  | 7-8  | 14 | 14 | 14  | 14  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15 | 14-15 | 21 | 21  | 22  | 28  | 28 |
|---------------------------|----|------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| AREA                      | RI | SEC  | RR | BC | WTN | CSP | BAR | CCR | BLP | CC | BON   | CH | MET | BLD | ROX | WG |
| HABITAT                   | P1 | P1   | Ft | P1 | P1  | P1  | P1  | P1  | P1  | P1 | P1    | P1 | P-F | P-F | Ft  | P1 |
| Pied-billed Grebe         |    | 2    |    |    |     |     | 2   |     | 2   |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Horned Grebe              |    |      |    |    |     | 2   |     |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |     |     |    |
| Red-necked Grebe          |    |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     | 1   |     |    |
| Eared Grebe               |    | 20   |    |    |     | 8   | 23  |     | 7   |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Western Grebe             |    | 13   |    |    | 3   | 195 | 30  | 5   | 5   |    | 6     |    | 10  | 28  |     | 1  |
| American White Pelican    |    |      |    |    |     | 39  | 63  |     | 29  |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Double-crested Cormorant  |    |      |    | 7  | 4   | 50  | 51  |     | 9   |    | 6     | 3  | 11  |     |     |    |
| American Bittern          |    |      |    |    |     | 1   |     |     |     |    |       |    |     | 1   |     |    |
| Great Blue Heron          |    | 3    |    | 3  | 7   | 105 | 22  | 3   | 8   |    | 6     | 1  | 2   | 1   |     |    |
| Snowy Egret               |    |      |    |    |     | 3   |     | 1   |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Cattle Egret              |    |      |    |    |     |     | 2   |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Green-backed Heron        |    |      |    |    |     | 2   |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Bl.-crowned Night Heron   |    |      |    | 6  |     | 1   | 18  |     | 1   |    |       |    |     | 4   |     |    |
| White-faced Ibis          |    | 37   |    |    |     |     |     | 7   |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Snow Goose ("White" form) |    |      |    |    |     |     | 1   |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Canada Goose              |    | 3    |    | 24 | 5   | 31  | 15  | 13  | 8   |    | 2     | 2  | 13  | 32  | 20  |    |
| Wood Duck                 |    |      |    |    | 3   |     |     |     |     |    | 3     |    |     |     |     |    |
| Green-winged Teal         |    | 6    |    |    | 1   | 6   | 8   |     | 3   | 2  | 1     |    |     |     |     |    |
| Mallard                   | 5  | 32   | 1  | 55 | 8   | 51  | 49  | 12  | 27  | 4  |       | 5  | 35  | 16  |     | 5  |
| Northern Pintail          | 2  | 13   |    |    |     | 2   | 18  |     | 16  |    |       |    | 15  |     |     |    |
| Blue-winged Teal          |    | 26   |    | 11 | 1   | 16  | 38  | 5   | 10  | 3  | 13    |    | 12  | 2   |     |    |
| Cinnamon Teal             |    |      |    | 5  |     | 13  | 4   |     | 7   |    |       |    | 4   | 4   |     |    |
| Northern Shoveler         | 1  | 25   |    | 2  | 2   | 15  | 96  |     | 49  |    | 6     |    | 10  |     |     |    |
| Gadwall                   |    | 84   |    | 6  | 36  | 4   | 130 |     | 9   |    | 30    |    | 15  |     |     |    |
| American Wigeon           |    | 16   |    |    | 1   |     | 9   |     | 5   |    | 10    |    | 2   |     |     |    |
| Redhead                   |    | 17   |    | 3  | 1   | 2   | 21  |     | 62  |    | 2     |    | 20  |     |     |    |
| Ring-necked Duck          |    |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |     |     |    |
| Lesser Scaup              |    | 15   |    |    |     | 20  | 1   |     | 9   |    |       |    | 6   |     |     |    |
| Bufflehead                |    | 2fe  |    |    | 3   | 2   |     |     | 9   |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Hooded Merganser          |    |      |    | 1  |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Common Merganser          |    |      |    |    | 1   |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Ruddy Duck                |    | 154  |    |    |     | 9   | 145 |     | 2   |    | 1     |    | 2m  |     |     |    |
| Turkey Vulture            |    | 14   |    |    | 1   |     |     |     |     | 15 | 6     |    | 17  |     | 1   |    |
| Osprey                    |    |      |    |    |     |     | 1   |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |     |     |    |
| Mississippi Kite          |    | 4    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Northern Harrier          |    | 2m3f |    |    |     | 1   |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        |    | 1    |    | 1  |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    | lad |     | 1   |    |
| Cooper's Hawk             |    |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     | 1   |     |    |
| Broad-winged Hawk         |    | 2    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |     |     |    |
| Swainson's Hawk           | 4  | 36   |    | 1  |     | 1   | 3   |     | 7   |    | 7     |    | 3   |     |     |    |
| Red-tailed Hawk           |    |      |    | 1  | 2   |     |     |     |     |    | 3     | 1  |     |     |     |    |
| "Western" races           |    | 3    | 2  |    |     | 1   |     |     |     | 1  |       |    | lad |     |     |    |
| "Krider's" race           |    |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     | 1   |     |    |
| Ferruginous Hawk          |    | 2    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Golden Eagle              |    |      |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       | 1  |     |     |     | 2  |
| American Kestrel          |    | 19   | 4  | 7  | 4   | 7   | 6   | 4   | 12  | 2  | 4     | 2  | 9   | 1   |     | 1  |

| MAY<br>AREA<br>HABITAT   | 8<br>RI<br>Pl | 7-8<br>SEC<br>Pl | 14<br>RR<br>Ft | 14<br>BC<br>Pl | 14<br>WTN<br>Pl | 14<br>CSP<br>Pl | 15<br>BAR<br>Pl | 15<br>CCR<br>Pl | 15<br>BLP<br>Pl | 15<br>CC<br>Ft | 14-15<br>BON<br>Pl | 21<br>CH<br>Pl | 21<br>MET<br>P-F | 22<br>BLD<br>P-F | 28<br>ROX<br>Ft | 28<br>WG<br>Pl |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Merlin                   |               | 1ad              |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 | 1               |                |                    | 2              |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Peregrine Falcon         |               | 2                |                |                |                 | 1               |                 |                 |                 | 2              |                    |                | 1                |                  |                 | 5              |
| Prairie Falcon           |               | 7                |                |                |                 | 7               |                 | 12              | 1               |                | 6                  | 2              | 1                |                  |                 |                |
| Ring-necked Pheasant     | 5             | 25               |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Lesser Prairie-Chicken   |               | 1f               |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                | 4                  |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Wild Turkey              |               | 6                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Northern Bobwhite        |               | 8                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Scaled Quail             |               | 1-H              |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 | 1               |                |                    |                | 2                |                  |                 | 1              |
| Virginia Rail            |               | 3-H              |                |                |                 | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                | 1                |                  |                 |                |
| Sora                     |               | 190              |                | 1              | 10              | 43              | 70              | 37              | 56              |                | 3                  |                | 15               | 35               |                 | 2              |
| American Coot            |               |                  |                |                |                 | 2               |                 |                 | 5               |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Semipalmated Plover      | 5             | 24               |                | 3              | 1               | 13              | 9               | 4               | 14              | 3              | 4                  | 1              | 10               | 2                |                 | 2              |
| Killdeer                 |               | 1                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Mountain Plover          |               | 7                |                |                |                 | 2               |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Black-necked Stilt       |               | 59               |                |                |                 | 5               |                 |                 | 8               |                | 1                  |                | 8                |                  |                 |                |
| American Avocet          |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 | 2               |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Greater Yellowlegs       |               | 8                |                |                |                 | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                | 2                  |                | 2                |                  |                 |                |
| Lesser Yellowlegs        |               |                  |                |                |                 | 2               | 1               | 1               | 3               |                | 1                  |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Solitary Sandpiper       |               | 6                | 1              | 1              | 1               | 13              | 19              | 3               | 3               | 4              | 2                  |                | 7                |                  |                 |                |
| Spotted Sandpiper        |               |                  |                |                | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Whimbrel                 | 2             | 6                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Long-billed Curlew       |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 | 2               |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Marbled Godwit           |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 | 9               |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Sanderling               |               |                  |                |                |                 | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper   |               |                  |                |                |                 | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Western Sandpiper        |               |                  |                |                |                 | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Least Sandpiper          |               | 1                |                |                |                 | 3               |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Baird's Sandpiper        |               | 3                |                |                |                 | 9               |                 |                 | 21              |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Stilt Sandpiper          |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 | 23              |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Long-billed Dowitcher    |               | 33               |                |                |                 |                 |                 | 11              |                 |                | 2                  |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Common Snipe             |               | 2                |                |                | 1               | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Wilson's Phalarope       |               | 278              |                |                | 36              | 75              | 22              | 1               | 310             |                | 25                 |                | 8                |                  |                 |                |
| Franklin's Gull          |               | 25               |                |                |                 | 2               | 10              |                 | 10              |                | 30                 |                | 3                |                  |                 |                |
| Bonaparte's Gull         |               |                  |                |                |                 | 2               | 2               |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Ring-billed Gull         |               | 30               |                | 1              | 52              | 23              | 3               |                 |                 |                |                    |                | 3                | 1                |                 |                |
| California Gull          |               |                  |                | 1              |                 | 2               |                 | 3               |                 |                |                    |                | 2                |                  |                 | 3              |
| Gull species             |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 | 2               |                 | 4               |                | 1                  |                | 6                |                  |                 |                |
| Forster's Tern           |               | 2                |                | 4              |                 |                 | 7               | 3               |                 |                | 1                  |                | 6                |                  |                 |                |
| Black Tern               |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 | 13              |                 | 4               |                | 6                  |                | 10               |                  |                 |                |
| Rock Dove                | 8             | 40               | 12             | 30             |                 | 5               | 5               |                 | 11              | 20             |                    |                | 26               | 44               | 10              | 5              |
| Mourning Dove            | 11            | 220              | 9              | 18             | 5               | 24              | 55              | 14              | 37              | 6              | 50                 | 4              | 40               | 2                | 8               | 18             |
| Greater Roadrunner       |               | 1                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Common Barn-Owl          | 1             | 2                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                | 1                  |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Great Horned Owl         | 74a           | 21               | 1              | 6              |                 | 2               | 6               | 6               |                 |                | 6                  | 2              |                  | 1                |                 |                |
| Burrowing Owl            | 3             | 17               |                | 1              |                 | 4               |                 | 4               |                 |                |                    |                | 7                |                  |                 |                |
| Long-eared Owl           |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    | 1              |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl    |               |                  |                |                |                 | 4imm            |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Common Poorwill          |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 | 2               |                 |                 | 2              |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Chimney Swift            |               | 2                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  | 8                |                 |                |
| White-throated Swift     |               |                  | 9              |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird |               | 1                | 17             |                | 2               |                 |                 |                 |                 | 4              |                    | 2              | 4                | 11               | 10              |                |
| Belted Kingfisher        |               | 4                | 1              | 2              |                 | 2               | 2               |                 | 1               |                | 2                  |                |                  | 1                |                 |                |
| Lewis' Woodpecker        | 1             | 13               | 1              |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                    | 1              |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Red-headed Woodpecker    |               |                  |                |                |                 | 3               |                 | 1               | 1               |                | 12                 |                |                  |                  |                 |                |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker   |               |                  |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                | 3                  |                |                  |                  |                 |                |



| MAY                      | 8  | 7-8   | 14 | 14 | 14  | 14  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15 | 14-15 | 21 | 21  | 22  | 28  | 28 |
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| AREA                     | RI | SEC   | RR | BC | WTN | CSP | BAR | CCR | BLP | CC | BON   | CH | MET | BLD | ROX | WG |
| HABITAT                  | P1 | P1    | Ft | P1 | P1  | P1  | P1  | P1  | P1  | P1 | P1    | P1 | P-F | P-F | Ft  | P1 |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker |    | 1ml   |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Downy Woodpecker         |    |       | 1  | 1  | 1   | 10  | 9   |     |     | 2  | 3     |    | 5   |     |     | 2  |
| "Batchelder's" race      |    |       |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     | 1   |     |    |
| eastern races            |    | 1     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     | 3   |     |    |
| Northern Flicker         |    |       |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| "Yellow-shafted" race    |    |       |    |    |     |     | 1m  |     |     |    | 4     |    |     |     |     |    |
| "Red-shafted" race       | 2  | 5     | 5  | 23 | 3   | 6   | 16  | 24  |     | 2  | 6     | 2  | 5   | 9   | 2   | 22 |
| Western Wood-Pewee       |    | 1     |    |    | 1   |     | 1   |     |     | 1  |       |    | 1   |     | 3   | 1  |
| Willow Flycatcher        |    |       |    |    |     | 1   |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Least Flycatcher         |    |       |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    | 1   |     |     |    |
| Hammond's Flycatcher     |    |       | 3  | 1  |     |     | 1   |     |     |    |       |    | 1   |     |     |    |
| Dusky Flycatcher         |    |       | 4  |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    | 2   | 1   |     |    |
| Western Flycatcher       | 1  |       | 2  | 1  |     |     | 1   |     |     |    |       |    | 1   |     |     |    |
| Empidonax sp.            |    | 1     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    | 4     | 3  | 3   | 10  |     |    |
| Eastern Phoebe           |    | 5     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Say's Phoebe             | 2  | 5     | 1  |    | 3   | 2   |     |     |     | 2  |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher  |    | 2     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Great Crested Flycatcher |    | 1     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Cassin's Kingbird        |    | 3     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Western Kingbird         | 7  | 170   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 2   | 10  | 2   | 55  | 2  | 50    |    | 5   | 1   | 1   |    |
| Eastern Kingbird         | 3  |       |    |    | 1   |     | 12  |     |     | 2  | 8     |    | 3   |     | 1   |    |
| Horned Lark              | 30 | 290   |    |    |     | 6   |     | 1   | 32  | 30 | 6     |    | 10  |     |     |    |
| Purple Martin            |    |       |    |    | 1   |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Tree Swallow             |    | 1     |    |    | 65  | 10  | 5   | 50  | 20  |    |       | 1  |     | 52  |     |    |
| Violet-green Swallow     |    |       | 2  | 28 | 105 | 30  | 4   | 75  | 1   |    |       | 1  | 50  | 13  | 12  |    |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow |    | 10    |    | 4  | 2   | 14  | 2   | 2   |     |    | 60    |    | 3   | 6   |     | 15 |
| Bank Swallow             |    | 40    |    |    | 2   |     | 100 |     | 46  |    |       | 7  |     | 5   |     | 18 |
| Cliff Swallow            |    | 155   | 3  |    | 6   | 55  | 500 |     | 40  | 6  | 4     | 25 | 65  | 14  |     |    |
| Barn Swallow             | 10 | 50    | 6  | 26 | 39  | 200 | 125 | 200 |     | 20 | 5     |    | 30  | 64  | 2   | 1  |
| Swallow sp.              |    |       |    |    | 165 |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Steller's Jay            |    |       | 1  |    | 45  |     |     |     |     | 2  |       |    | 2   | 7   |     |    |
| Blue Jay                 |    | 2     |    | 1  |     |     |     |     |     |    | 28    |    | 2   |     |     |    |
| Scrub Jay                |    | 2     | 9  |    | 1   |     |     |     |     | 12 |       | 22 | 9   |     | 9   |    |
| Pinyon Jay               |    | 10    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Black-billed Magpie      | 8  | 34    | 32 | 83 | 7   | 35  | 39  | 18  | 19  | 12 | 2     | 2  | 50  | 29  | 6   | 37 |
| American Crow            |    | 9     | 2  |    | 5   | 4   |     |     |     | 3  |       | 1  | 4   | 11  | 4   |    |
| Chihuahuan Raven         |    | 4,1,7 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Common Raven             |    | 8     | 1  | 2  | 2   | 1   |     |     |     | 4  |       |    | 4   |     |     |    |
| Black-capped Chickadee   |    | 2     | 7  | 4  | 5   | 8   | 27  | 5   |     | 10 | 9     | 1  | 15  | 7   | 10  | 2  |
| Mountain Chickadee       |    |       | 2  |    |     |     |     |     |     | 4  |       |    | 8   |     |     |    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch    |    |       | 2  |    | 1   |     | 1   |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch  |    |       |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    | 1   | 2   |     |    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch           |    |       |    |    |     |     |     |     |     | 6  |       |    | 1   |     |     |    |
| Brown Creeper            |    |       |    |    |     |     | 1   |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Rock Wren                | 1  | 9     | 1  |    | 2   |     | 1   |     |     |    |       |    | 1   |     |     |    |
| Canyon Wren              |    | 3     | 3  |    |     |     |     |     |     | 2  |       | 1  | 3   |     | 3   |    |
| Bewick's Wren            |    | 4     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| House Wren               |    | 9     | 1  | 4  | 9   | 15  | 33  | 4   |     | 3  | 45    | 5  | 40  | 3   | 4   |    |
| Marsh Wren               |    | 4     |    |    |     |     | 1   |     |     |    |       |    | 1   |     |     |    |
| American Dipper          |    |       | 2  |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     | 2   |     |    |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet   | 1  |       |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet     | 1  | 1     | 5  |    | 2   | 1   | 1   |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher    |    | 25    | 1  |    | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |    |       | 1  |     | 1   |     |    |
| Eastern Bluebird         |    |       |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |     |     |    |
| Western Bluebird         |    |       | 6  | 1  | 3   |     |     |     |     |    |       |    |     |     |     |    |

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| HABITAT                    | P1 | P1  | Ft | P1 | P1  | P1  | P1   | P1  | P1  | P1 | P1    | P1 | P-F | P-F  | Ft  | P1  |
| Mountain Bluebird          |    |     | 15 | 26 | 2   | 14  |      |     |     | 2  |       |    |     | 1    | 1   |     |
| Townsend's Solitaire       |    | 1   |    |    | 5   |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Veery                      |    |     |    |    |     |     | 1    |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Swainson's Thrush          | 1  |     | 3  | 5  | 3   | 2   | 13   |     | 1   |    | 8     |    | 26  | 48   |     |     |
| Hermit Thrush              | 1  | 2   | 2  |    | 9   | 2   | 11   |     |     |    |       | 2  | 1   | 1    |     |     |
| Catharus sp.               |    |     |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     | 1    |     |     |
| American Robin             | 5  | 14  | 59 | 95 | 7   | 16  | 43   | 5   | 11  | 1  | 12    | 1  | 45  | 13   | 8   | 8   |
| Gray Catbird               |    |     |    |    | 2   | 1   | 2    |     |     |    | 5     |    | 2   | 3    | 1   |     |
| Northern Mockingbird       | 2  | 7   |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    | 3     |    |     |      |     |     |
| Brown Thrasher             | 1  | 11  |    |    |     |     | 7    |     |     |    | 20    |    | 1   |      |     |     |
| Curve-billed Thrasher      |    | 2   |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Water Pipit                |    |     |    |    |     | 3   |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Cedar Waxwing              |    |     |    | 7  |     |     |      |     |     |    | 65    |    |     |      |     |     |
| Loggerhead Shrike          | 2  | 11  |    |    | 1   | 2   |      |     | 1   |    | 1     |    | 2   |      |     |     |
| European Starling          |    | 75  | 35 | 61 | 15  | 35  | 80   | 50  | 18  | 16 | 10    | 8  | 250 | 55   | 2   | 100 |
| Solitary Vireo             |    |     | 3  | 2  | 1   | 2   | 3    |     |     |    |       |    | 3   | 2    |     | 1   |
| Warbling Vireo             |    |     |    |    |     | 1   | 2    |     |     |    | 5     |    |     | 4    | 1   |     |
| Red-eyed Vireo             |    |     |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     | 2   |
| Tennessee Warbler          |    |     |    | 2  |     | 1   | 2    |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |      |     |     |
| Orange-crowned Warbler     |    | 7   | 5  | 3  |     | 2   | 6    |     |     |    | 2     |    |     | 8    |     |     |
| Nashville Warbler          |    |     |    |    |     |     | 1m   |     | 1   |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Virginia's Warbler         | 1  | 2   | 28 | 12 | 59  | 15  | 2    |     |     | 1  |       |    | 4   | 15   | 5   |     |
| Northern Parula            |    |     |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Yellow Warbler             | 2  | 5   | 4  | 16 | 10  | 12  | 17   | 3   | 14  | 4  | 30    |    | 16  | 13   | 4   |     |
| Magnolia Warbler           |    |     |    |    |     |     | 1m   |     |     |    | 1     |    |     | 1m   |     |     |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler      |    |     |    |    |     |     | 13   |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| "Myrtle" race              | 5  | 15  | 3  | 1  |     |     | 22   | 2   | 2   |    | 6     |    | 4   | 7    |     |     |
| "Audubon's" race           | 6  | 60  | 64 | 34 | 137 | 260 | 65   | 10  | 18  | 2  | 5     | 1  | 17  | 24   |     | 1   |
| Townsend's Warbler         | 1  |     |    | 1  |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Black-throated Green Warb. |    |     |    |    |     |     | 1    |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Blackburnian Warbler       |    |     |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |      |     |     |
| Palm Warbler               |    |     |    |    |     |     | 1    |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |      |     |     |
| Blackpoll Warbler          |    |     |    |    |     |     | 2    |     |     |    | 3     |    | 1m  | 9m2f |     |     |
| Black-and-White Warbler    |    |     |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     | 1mlf |     |     |
| American Redstart          |    |     |    |    |     |     | 1mlf |     |     |    | 1     |    |     |      |     |     |
| Ovenbird                   |    | 1   |    |    |     |     | 2    |     |     |    | 1     |    | 1   | 1-H  |     |     |
| Northern Waterthrush       |    |     | 1  |    |     |     | 5    |     |     |    | 2     |    | 1   | 3    |     |     |
| MacGillivray's Warbler     | 1  |     | 2  |    |     | 1   | 4    | 2   | 1   |    |       |    | 3   | 9    |     |     |
| Common Yellowthroat        | 3  |     | 3  | 5  |     | 2   | 9    | 2   | 6   | 2  | 6     | 1  | 4   | 11   |     | 8   |
| Hooded Warbler             |    |     |    |    |     |     | 1m   |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Wilson's Warbler           |    | 1   |    |    | 1   |     | 3    | 1   |     | 2  | 1     | 1  | 2   | 11   |     |     |
| Yellow-breasted Chat       |    | 3   |    |    | 1   |     | 1    |     |     |    | 2     |    | 2   | 1    |     |     |
| Western Tanager            |    | 1   | 1  | 1  | 6   | 1   | 5    | 1   |     | 1  | 2     |    | 2   | 8    | 5   | 2   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak     |    |     | 1m |    |     |     | 1m   | 1   |     |    | 2     |    | 1   | 5    |     | 1   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak      | 1  |     | 13 |    | 27  | 1   |      |     |     |    | 8     |    | 3   | 16   | 13  |     |
| Blue Grosbeak              |    |     |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Lazuli Bunting             |    | 1   |    |    | 6   | 6   | 6    |     |     | 6  |       |    | 8   | 3    | 6   |     |
| Indigo Bunting             |    |     |    |    |     | 1   | 1    |     |     |    | 2     |    |     |      | 1   |     |
| Green-tailed Towhee        | 1  |     | 26 | 5  | 6   | 5   | 9    |     | 2   |    |       | 13 | 1   | 1    | 1   |     |
| Rufous-sided Towhee        | 2  | 11  | 38 |    | 20  | 5   | 23   | 1   | 1   | 20 |       |    | 25  | 15   | 17  |     |
| Brown Towhee               |    | 8   |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Cassin's Sparrow           |    | 18  |    |    |     |     |      |     |     |    |       |    |     |      |     |     |
| Chipping Sparrow           | 4  | 11  | 60 | 6  | 105 | 65  | 85   |     | 8   | 20 | 10    | 3  | 1   | 10   |     |     |
| Clay-colored Sparrow       |    | 12  |    | 1  |     | 3   | 19   |     |     |    | 40    |    |     |      |     |     |
| Brewer's Sparrow           | 2  | 1   | 11 |    |     |     | 8    |     |     | 20 |       |    |     |      |     |     |

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1983)                      | <u>Total species:</u> 183<br><u>Total individuals:</u> 10,798 |
| (1982)                      | <u>Total species:</u> 167<br><u>Total individuals:</u> 11,236 |
| (1981)                      | <u>Total species:</u> 130<br><u>Total individuals:</u> 6618   |
| (1980)                      | <u>Total species:</u> 137<br><u>Total individuals:</u> 6996   |

ADDITIONAL MAY 1983 REPORTS:

Common Loon 5/1 (6) Jumbo Reservoir (BP); 5/14-15 (1) Bonny Res. (JR); 5-31 (1 winter plumage) Jumbo Res. (DJW).  
Red-necked Grebe 5/9-22 (1, breeding plumage) Baseline Res., Boulder Co. (m.ob.).  
Cattle Egret 5/1 (6) Latham Res. area (JC); 5/1 (12) 10 mi. east of Kersey, Hwy 34 (DJW); 5/8 (6) Las Animas (MJS); 5-19 (1) Baseline Res. (DW); 5/25 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS).  
Green-backed Heron 5/7 (1) Bonny Res. (JC); 5/14-15 (1) Bonny Res. (JR).  
Yellow-crowned Night Heron 5/16-20 (1) Tamarack Ranch (BP).  
Snow Goose 5/2 (4 - "White" form) Red Lion S.W.A. (JR); 5/8 (12) Bonny Res. (JC).



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Eurasian Wigeon 5/8 (1 ma.) Latham Res. area (JC). (Details submitted--subject to approval of records committee. Ed.)

Canvasback 5/24 (2) Chatfield S.P. (PE); 5/30 (2) Red Lion S.W.A. (JW).

Ring-necked Duck 5/24 (2) Chatfield S.P. (PE); 5/29 (1 fe) Weld Co. Rds. 6&67 (JR).

Bufflehead 5/29 (2 fe) Bijou Res., Morgan Co. (JR).

Common Merganser 5/31 (1 ma.) Jumbo Res. (DJW).

Osprey 5/1 (1) Jumbo Res. (m.ob.); 5/2 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (JR); 5/9 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (JC,DW).

Am. Swallow-tailed Kite 5/24 (1 ad.) Waterton (PE, m.ob.). Details being submitted to records committee.

Red-shouldered Hawk 5/29 (1 ad.) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JR).

Broad-winged Hawk 5/15 (1) Bonny Res. (JC); 5/14 (1) Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/24 (1 imm.) Chatfield S.P. (PE).

Common Moorhen 5/13 (1) Latham Res. (JC). Details submitted--subject to approval of records committee.

Black-bellied Plover 5/21 (1) Latham Res. (JC).

Snowy Plover 5/22 (1) Antero Res. (RB,JS).

Semipalmated Plover 5/1 (3) Jumbo Res. (DJW).

Black-necked Stilt 5/15 (1) Huston Lake Park, Denver (SW); 5/15 (2) Chatfield S.P. (JB).

Upland Sandpiper 5/5 (2) Crook (BP); 5/21 (4) Red Lion S.W.A. (JC); 5/30 (1) north of Snyder, Morgan Co. (DJW).

Whimbrel 5/15 (5) north of Crow Cr. C.G., Pawnee N.G. (BP); 5/14 (15) Rahma Res., El Paso Co. (RB,EW).

Semipalmated Sandpiper 5/14-15 (2) Bonny Res. (JR); 5/31 (2) Red Lion S.W.A. (DW).

White-rumped Sandpiper 5/14-15 (1) Bonny Res. (JR); 5/30 (100) Red Lion S.W.A. (DJW); 5/31 (2) Prospect Res. (DJW).

Stilt Sandpiper 5/19 (13) 3 mi. west of Fleming (BP); 5/21 (31) Red Lion S.W.A. (JC); 5/23,28 (50) Red Lion S.W.A. (BP).

Red-necked Phalarope 5/15 (10) Latham Res. area (JC); 5/19 (1) west of Fleming (BP).

Ross' Gull (last seen 5/7 - 1 imm.) Jumbo Res. (BP).

Black Tern 5/14-15 (250) Bonny Res. (JR).

Common Barn-Owl 5/31 (1) Jumbo Res. (DJW).

Western Screech-Owl 5/20 (1) Jumbo Res. (JC).

Screech-Owl sp. 5/21-22 ("4 in family") Foster's Grove, Bonny Res. (HK).

Long-eared Owl 5/21-22 (1) Bonny Res. (HK).

Short-eared Owl 5/30 - 6/1 (3 ad., 5 imm. at nest) south of Fleming (BP).

Northern Saw-whet Owl 4/28-5/21 ("4 fledglings at nest") Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).

Common Poorwill 5/21 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JB); 5/28 (3) near Lyons (JC).

Williamson's Sapsucker 5/15 (1m, 1f) Mt. Falcon Park (JB).

Eastern Phoebe 5/18,20,23 (1) Tamarack Ranch (BP).

Great Crested Flycatcher 5/18 (1) Fleming (BP); 5/31 (1) Tamarack Ranch (DJW).

Eastern Bluebird 5/14-15 (1m, 1f at nest) Bonny Res. (JR).

Veery 5/10 (2) Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/12 (1) Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/13 (1) Fleming (BP); 5/14 (2) Boulder Creek at 30th St. (DJW); 5/21 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DJW); 5/25 (1) Fleming (BP); 5/17 (6) Colo. Sprgs W.A. (Hanna Ranch) (RB,EW).

Brown Thrasher 5/21-22 (nest w/ 3 eggs) Bonny Res. (HK).

Cedar Waxwing 5/31 (1) Jumbo Res. (DJW).

Bell's Vireo 5/20,21 (5-10) Tamarack Ranch (BP).

Solitary Vireo 5/14-15 (1 "blue-headed" race) Bonny Res. (JR).

Philadelphia Vireo 5/23 (1) Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/31 (1) Jumbo Res. (DJW). (Details submitted to records committee for approval.)

Red-eyed Vireo 5/20 (1 banded) Aurora (MS); 5/21-22 (1) Bonny Res. (HK); 5/25 (1) Waterton (DJW); 5/31 (4) Crook area (DJW).

Tennessee Warbler 5/1 (1) Jumbo Res.; 5/16,23 Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/20 (1) Tamarack Ranch (BP); 5/21 (1 ma.) Barr Lake S.P. (JW).

Nashville Warbler 5/16 (1 fe) Boulder Creek (DW); 5/18 (1); 5/20 (1) Tamarack R. (BP).

Blue-winged Warbler 5/17 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB).

Golden-winged Warbler 5/15 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB,JM).

Northern Parula 5/6-8 (1) John Martin Res. (MJS); 5/15 (2 ma) Hanna Ranch (RB).

Chestnut-sided Warbler 5/14-15 (1 fe) Bonny Res. (JR).  
 Magnolia Warbler 5/14 (1m, 1fe) Boulder Creek (JW); 5/17-18 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB,EW);  
 5/21-22 (6) Bonny Res. (HK); 5/22 (1) 1917 S. Quitman (FJJ).  
Cape May Warbler 5/20 (1 ma) Tamarack Ranch (BP).  
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 5/21-22 (1) Bonny Res. (HK); 5/22 (1) Aurora (MS).  
 Townsend's Warbler 5/13 (1) Latham Res. area (JC); 5/15 (1 ma.) Hanna Ranch (RB,JM);  
 5/16 (1) Jumbo Res. (BP).  
Black-throated Green Warbler 5/13 (1) Latham Res. area (JC); 5/15 (1 ma) Hanna Ranch  
 (RB,JM); 5/16 (1) Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/28 (2) Fleming (BP).  
Blackburnian Warbler 5/7 (1 ma) Myron Stratton (RB,JA).  
Grace's Warbler 5/21 (1) Rye (RB).  
Palm Warbler 5/10 (1) Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/18 (1) Latham Res. area (JC)  
Bay-breasted Warbler 5/14 (1 ma) Chautauqua Park, Boulder (CH,KH); 5/19 (1 ma)  
 Tamarack Ranch (BP).  
Blackpoll Warbler 5/16-18 (2 ma) Boulder Creek (DW); 5/18 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JC);  
 5/18 (12) Hanna Ranch (RB); 5/18 (1) Aurora (MS); 5/21 (8m,3f) Barr Lake S.P. (DJW);  
 5/21 (2) Morrison (SW,BR).  
Black-and-white Warbler 5/10 (1) Jumbo Res. (BP); 5/11-14 (1-3) Fleming (BP); 5/14-15  
 (1 fe) Bonny Res. (JR); 5/15 (1 ma) Denver (SW); 5/15-18 (3) Hanna Ranch (RB,EW).  
American Redstart 5/15-18 (4) Hanna Ranch (RB,EW); 5/21 (2m,1f) Barr Lake S.P. (DJW);  
 5/21-22 (12) Bonny Res. (HK); 5/29 (1 ma) Barr Lake; 5/31 (2 fe) Tamarack (DJW).  
Worm-eating Warbler 5/17 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB,EW).  
Ovenbird 5/17 (1) Hanna Ranch (RB); 5/18 (1 singing) Wheatridge Greenbelt (JW);  
 5/21 (1) Pueblo Nature Center (RB,JS).  
Louisiana Waterthrush 5/14-15 (1) Bonny Res. (JR).  
Kentucky Warbler 5/14 (1) Boulder Creek (DW); 5/18,19 (1) Tamarack Ranch (BP).  
Hooded Warbler 5/15 (1 fe) Crow Creek C.G., Pawnee G.L. (BP); 5/22 (1 fe) Hanna Ranch  
 (KLL); 5/17-18 (1 fe) Hanna Ranch (RB,EW).  
Summer Tanager 5/5-8 (1 ad.ma.) Fleming (BP); 5/9-20 (1 fe) Fleming (BP); 5/14-15 (1 ma.  
 "changing" plumage) Bonny Res. (JR); 5/16 (1 ma. "changing" plumage) Tamarack (BP).  
Rose-breasted X Black-headed Grosbeak 5/31 (1 ma) Tamarack Ranch (DJW). (Details  
 submitted to records committee.)  
Blue Grosbeak 5/13 (1) Latham Res. area (JC); 5/14-15 (1 ma.) Bonny Res. (JR); 5/21 (12)  
 Burnt Mill Road (RB,JS); 5/22 (20) Hanna Ranch (KLL).  
Savannah Sparrow 5/14-15 (2) Bonny Res. (JR); 5/30 (2) Latham Res.; 5/31 (2) Red Lion (DJW).  
Grasshopper Sparrow 5/6 (2) near Idalia (JC); 5/31 (2) Tamarack Ranch (DJW).  
White-throated Sparrow 5/1 (1) Chatfield S.P. (JB); 5/10 (3-5) Jumbo Res.; 5/13 (1)  
 Sterling; 5/20 (1) Fleming (BP).  
Bobolink 5/14-15 (1 ma) Bonny Res. (JR); 5/31 (2 ma) north of Snyder, Morgan Co. (DJW);  
 5/19 (1 ma) Cherry Creek R.A. (MJS).  
Eastern Meadowlark 5/21 (2) Red Lion S.W.A. (JC).

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ABBREVIATIONS: S.W.A.=State Wildlife Area; R.A.=Recreation Area; S.P.=State Park, C.G.=  
 Campground; N.G.=National Grasslands; m.ob.=many observers.

TOTAL SPECIES reported to this newsletter for May, 1983: 258

Underlined species generally require a detailed written description including  
 date, location, optical equipment used, distance from bird; bird's behavior,  
 habitat used; size, shape, plumage, color pattern; size and shape of bill, wings,  
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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED: If you would be interested in being chairman of a committee to advise the Denver Museum of Natural History on reconstruction of the Colorado Bird Hall as well as represent the Denver Field Ornithologists in other Museum matters, please contact the President, Warren Finch (233-3372).

SPECIAL THANKS to the Boulder Bird Club for its contribution to the Rare Bird Alert.

"LIFERS WANTED LIST": If you are a beginner birdwatcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your wanted list together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011.

CARPOOL wherever possible when going on field trips. When contemplating joining a field trip, please contact the Trip Leader ahead of time so that he/she can better arrange carpooling. Expenses should be shared. Suggested cost is \$.10 per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

NOTICE: There will be no regular meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists until September, 1983.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS and/or FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Robert Righter, 2685 S. Dayton #207, Denver, Colorado 80231 (337-6434).

We wish to express our sympathy to Mark Goodbody on the passing of his wife Karen Felmlee Goodbody on May 25, 1983. Contributions may be made to the Colorado Mountain Club in her memory.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Enclosed Please Find: \$10.00 - Regular Family Membership; \$5.00 - Senior Citizen Membership; \$5.00 - Student Membership

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1983

- JULY 2, Saturday. Joint trip with the Boulder Bird Club WEST OF BERTHOUD to look for Blue Grosbeaks (Carter Lake area). Leaders: Art and Ruth Bessemer (442-1754). Carpool at 7:30 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot. Meet Boulder group at the corner where Hwy. 287 makes right turn to Berthoud at 8:45 A.M. \*
- 4, Monday. McCLELLAND RESERVOIR, HIGHLINE CANAL and DANIEL'S PARK. Leaders: Harold Oliver (936-6902) and Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, So. Logan and Hampden (Hwy. 285). \*
- 9, Saturday. KOSSLER LAKE AREA, WALKER RANCH (Boulder Area). Leaders: Art and Helen Wainwright (494-8933). Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot, at 7:15 A.M. Meet leaders at Pancake House lot, southeast corner of Broadway and Baseline Rd., Boulder, at 8:00 A.M. \*
- 10, Sunday. RIGLI RANCH (south of Fort Morgan). Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Carpool at 6:00 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History, north lot, or meet at Hudson, Pepperpod Restaurant, at 6:45 A.M. \*
- 16, Saturday. SOUTH PARK, GEORGIA PASS. Leaders: Carol Hack (777-7893) and Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F. Meet leaders at Jefferson at 8:30 A.M. \*
- 17, Sunday. GOLDEN GATE STATE PARK and WHITE RANCH. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). (Leader to be announced.) Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Berkeley Senior Center parking lot, near the southwest corner of the park, 46th and Sheridan.\*
- 23, Saturday. PUEBLO and east to ORDWAY and LA JUNTA to see Mississippi Kites. Leaders: Dave and Carolyn Griffiths (1-584-3859). Meet in Ramada Inn parking lot east of I-25 on Hwy. 50 at 7:30 A.M. \*
- 24, Sunday. PUEBLO and west. Meeting time to be decided Saturday. Reasonable motel: Super 8 on Hwy. 50 west of I-25 (1-545-4104) or camping at Pueblo State Recreation Area. Coordinators: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) (before 7/17) and Bob Spencer (279-4682).
- 30, Saturday. FILIUS PARK, ECHO LAKE, SUMMIT LAKE. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center, So. Logan and Hampden (Hwy. 285), at 7:30 A.M. or meet at Filius Park at 8:15 A.M. \*
- 31, CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leaders: Nancy Jones (758-1463) and Helen Singer (756-2808). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the West Gate. Lunch optional.  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

\*BRING LUNCH

Submitted by:

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Field Trip Chairpersons

RARE BIRD ALERT: 759-1060



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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 6, 1983  
(Program to be announced.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to changes at the Museum of Natural History, the D.F.O. regular monthly meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month (rather than the fourth Tuesday) beginning September, 1983. Please make note of this change on your calendars now to avoid confusion.

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MAY 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARY:

MAY 7, Saturday. Colorado Springs-Fountain (CSp). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Ken LaBorde, Tim Schowalter, Shirley Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy, 55° to 70°F., wind mostly calm). 7 hrs.; 70 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (57 species, 340 individuals).

JUNE 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

JUNE 4, Saturday. Pine, Buffalo Creek, Wellington Lake (PBW). Leader: Chris A. Blakeslee. Observers: Virginia Edens, Brian Klees, Judy Merrill, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny to 100% cloudy, rainy; 50° to 70°F.; calm to 20 mph). 8 hrs.; 42 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (48 species, 239 individuals).

- JUNE 5, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands (PG). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: John Bregar, D. W. King, Susan Levin, Roland Olderog. (Rain, 45° to 55° F.). 4½ hrs.; 67.9 mi. by car, 0 mi. on foot (45 species, 909 ind.) (Due to impassable muddy roads and flooding, area not fully covered.)
- 11, Saturday. Riverside Res. to Empire Res., Weld County (RIV). Leader: Sue Taylor. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Glenna Corey, Don Groves, D. W. King, Freda Krolik, Dorothy Lechniz, Dr. Ron Ryder, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Al Tanigawa; Vito Tursi, Marion Teele, Ruth Wheeler, Delain Whitman, Nelda Zimmerman. (Hazy to clear; 55° to 75° F.; Winds SE 5 gusting to 12 mph). 7 ¾ hrs.; 75 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (50 species, 1098 individuals). (Only White Pelicans flying were counted--vegetation on island hid sizeable numbers on the ground.)
- 11, Saturday. Grand Junction Area: Colorado National Monument, Glade Park Store, Mud Springs Campground, Little Park Road, Fruita, Loma; Highline Res. (GJ). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; 50° to 90° F.; wind SW, 15-25 mph). 17 hrs.; 165 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (76 species, 842 ind.).
- 12, Sunday. Bear Creek (plains to mountains) (BC). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Alan Hay, Dick Schottler, Cal Wichern. (Sunny to cloudy, 50° to 70° to 60° F.; breezy). 9 hrs.; 4.5 mi. on foot, 55 mi. by car. (66 species, 761 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Perry Park (Douglas Co.) (PP). Leader: Jerry Alliger. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Glenna Corey, Virginia Edens, Don Groves, Freda Krolik, Mary Riley, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Cal Wichern. (Sunny, 85° F. light wind.) 7 hrs.; 8 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (40 species, 180 ind.).
- 19, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Jerome Besser. Observers: Tom and Virginia Faxon, Alan Hay. (Clear; 70° to 85° F.; wind 0-3 mph). 4½ hrs.; 1 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (26 species, 133 individuals).
- 18-21, Saturday-Tuesday. Walden - North Park (NP). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Jerry Cairo; Tim, Judy, Marie and Katie Schowalter; Helen Tripp; Dave Wartner, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, 43° to 73° F., wind 0-27 mph). 22 hrs.; 200 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (75 species, 603 individuals).
- 25, Sedalia, West Plum Cr., Castlewood Canyon (CC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Marybill Bauer (Louisville, KY.), Syd Glick, Don Graves, Bob Hampton, Jan Justice, Freda Krolik, Harold and Betty Oliver, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 50° to 80° F.) 9 hrs.; 30 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (51 species, 607 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park to Greeley (Gr-P). Observer: Jerry Cairo. (Sunny, 30° to 82° F.; wind 0-10 mph). 8 hrs.; 122 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (81 species, 570 individuals).
- 26, Sunday. Jeffco Nature Center and Lookout Mountain (LM). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Alan and Dee Hay, Roland Olderog, June Rynders, plus four visitors; (Cloudy to overcast, warm). 1½ hrs.; 1½ mi. on foot. (15 species, 54 individuals).
- 29, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RP). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Louise Augustine, Marybill Bauer, Bill Crocchetti, Chris Crocchetti, Shannon Crocchetti, Camille Cummings, Virginia Edens, Warren and Mary Finch, Vivian Gilbert, Alan and Dee Hay, Jack Henderson, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, David Martin, Ann Means, John Meek (Florida), Judy Merrill, Ruth Reeser, Dick Schottler, Betty Secrest, Michael Smithson, Joanne Sterman, Don and Ginnie Thompson, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ellen Valentine, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny, 70° F.) 7 hrs.; 25 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (45 species, 225 individuals).



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| JUNE<br>AREA<br>HABITAT  | 5/7<br>CSp<br>P/F | 4<br>PBW<br>Mts | 5<br>PG<br>Pl | 11<br>RIV<br>Pl | 11<br>GJ<br>WS | 12<br>BC<br>P/F/M | 18<br>PP<br>Ft | 19<br>RR<br>Ft | 18-21<br>NP<br>Hp/M | 25<br>CC<br>Ft | 25<br>Gr-P<br>Pl/M | 26<br>LM<br>Mt | 29<br>RP<br>Mt |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe        |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 1                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Eared Grebe              |                   |                 | 1             |                 |                |                   |                |                | 14                  |                | 1                  |                |                |
| Western Grebe            |                   |                 | 1             | 1               | 1              | 2                 |                |                | 2                   |                | 8                  |                |                |
| American White Pelican   |                   |                 |               | 610             |                |                   |                |                |                     |                | 33                 |                |                |
| Double-crested Cormorant |                   |                 |               | 51              |                | 4                 | 1              |                |                     |                | 1                  |                |                |
| Great Blue Heron         | 3                 |                 |               | 2               |                |                   | 1              |                |                     | 2              |                    |                |                |
| Snowy Egret              |                   |                 |               | 4               |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Bl.-crowned Night Heron  |                   |                 |               | 1               |                | 2                 |                |                | 4                   | 1              |                    |                |                |
| Canada Goose             |                   |                 |               |                 | 18             |                   |                |                | 23                  |                |                    |                |                |
| Green-winged Teal        |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   | 4              |                | 2                   | 2              |                    |                | 1              |
| Mallard                  | 3                 | 2               | 9             | 2               | 2              | 30                | 1              | 1              | 6                   | 3              | 2                  | 10             |                |
| Northern Pintail         |                   |                 | 2             |                 |                |                   |                |                | 4                   |                | 1                  |                | 4              |
| Blue-winged Teal         | 9                 |                 | 4             |                 |                |                   |                |                | 2                   |                | 2                  |                |                |
| Cinnamon Teal            | 2                 |                 |               |                 | 1              |                   | 4              |                | 14                  |                | 2                  |                |                |
| Northern Shoveler        | 2                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 12                  |                |                    |                |                |
| Gadwall                  |                   |                 | 1             | 2               |                | 2                 |                |                | 16                  |                |                    |                |                |
| American Wigeon          |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 13                  |                |                    |                |                |
| Redhead                  |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 24                  |                |                    |                |                |
| Lesser Scaup             |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 24                  |                |                    |                |                |
| Ruddy Duck               |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 10                  |                |                    |                |                |
| Turkey Vulture           |                   | 10              |               |                 |                | 1                 |                |                | 3                   | 12             |                    |                |                |
| Northern Harrier         | 1                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 2                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | 1                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    | 1              |                |
| Cooper's Hawk            |                   |                 |               |                 | 2a             |                   |                |                |                     | 1              |                    | 1              |                |
| Northern Goshawk         |                   |                 |               |                 | 1a             |                   |                | 1              |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Swainson's Hawk          | 3                 |                 |               | 1               |                | 2                 |                |                | 5                   | 1              |                    |                |                |
| Red-tailed Hawk          |                   | 4               |               |                 |                |                   | 6              |                |                     |                |                    | 2              | 3              |
| "Western" races          | 2                 |                 |               | 3               | 1              |                   |                |                | 1                   | 1              | 4                  |                |                |
| Ferruginous Hawk         | 1                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Golden Eagle             |                   |                 |               |                 | 1a             |                   |                |                | 3                   |                |                    |                | 1              |
| American Kestrel         | 6                 |                 | 2             | 4               | 4              | 5                 | 1              |                | 2                   | 1              | 4                  | 1              |                |
| Prairie Falcon           |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 1                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Ring-necked Pheasant     |                   |                 |               | 1               |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Wild Turkey              | 2                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Northern Bobwhite        |                   |                 |               | 1               |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Gambel's Quail           |                   |                 |               |                 | 5              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Sora                     |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 1                   |                |                    |                |                |
| American Coot            |                   |                 |               |                 | 6              |                   |                |                | 16                  |                | 1                  |                |                |
| Killdeer                 | 1                 |                 | 8             | 2               | 2              | 3                 | 1              |                | 12                  | 2              | 27                 |                |                |
| Black-necked Stilt       |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                | 1                  |                |                |
| American Avocet          |                   |                 | 2             | 2               |                |                   |                |                | 14                  |                | 4                  | 1              |                |
| Willet                   |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 3                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Spotted Sandpiper        |                   |                 | 1             |                 |                |                   | 1              |                | 1                   | 1              |                    |                |                |
| Common Snipe             | 1                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 5                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Wilson's Phalarope       |                   |                 | 4             |                 |                |                   |                |                | 18                  |                | 6                  |                |                |
| Franklin's Gull          |                   |                 | 2             |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Ring-billed Gull         |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 31                  |                | 2                  |                |                |
| California Gull          |                   | 2               |               | 103             |                |                   |                |                | 2                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Forster's Tern           |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 5                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Black Tern               |                   |                 | 4             | 23              |                |                   |                |                | 28                  |                |                    |                |                |
| Rock Dove                | 42                |                 | 1             | 51              | 25             | 15                | 1              | 3              | 5                   | 30             | 3                  |                |                |
| Band-tailed Pigeon       |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                | 1              |
| Mourning Dove            | 4                 |                 | 18            | 13              | 30             | 20                |                | 3              |                     | 25             | 2                  | 2              | 2              |
| Great Horned Owl         | 2                 |                 |               | 3               |                |                   |                |                | 1                   |                |                    |                |                |

| JUNE<br>AREA<br>HABITAT     | 5/7<br>CSp<br>P/F | 4<br>PBW<br>Mts | 5<br>PG<br>Pl | 11<br>RIV<br>Pl | 11<br>GJ<br>WS | 12<br>BC<br>P/F/M | 18<br>PP<br>Ft | 19<br>RR<br>Ft | 18-21<br>NP<br>Hp/M | 25<br>CC<br>Ft | 25<br>Gr-P<br>Pl/M | 26<br>LM<br>Mt | 29<br>RP<br>Mt |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mountain Bluebird           |                   | 6               |               |                 | 15             |                   | 6              |                | 1                   | 2              | 1                  | 2              | 2*             |
| Townsend's Solitaire        |                   | 1               |               |                 |                | 1                 | 3              |                |                     |                | 1                  |                | 3*             |
| Swainson's Thrush           |                   |                 | 5             |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Hermit Thrush               |                   |                 | 1             |                 | 3              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                | 2*             |
| American Robin              | 6                 | 8               | 6             | 20              | 25             | 25                | 5              | 10             | 5                   | 20             | 38                 | 6              | 35*            |
| Gray Catbird                |                   |                 |               |                 |                | 2                 |                | 7              |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Northern Mockingbird        |                   |                 |               |                 | 1              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Sage Thrasher               |                   |                 |               |                 | 3              |                   |                |                | 3                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Brown Thrasher              |                   |                 | 2             | 1               |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Loggerhead Shrike           |                   |                 | 2             | 2               | 1              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| European Starling           | 39                | 3               | 20            | 16              | 20             | 25                |                | 5              | 1                   | 20             | 1                  | 2              | 2              |
| Gray Vireo                  |                   |                 |               |                 | 2              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Solitary Vireo              |                   |                 |               |                 | 6              |                   |                |                |                     |                | 1                  |                | 1*             |
| Warbling Vireo              |                   |                 |               |                 | 7              | 2                 |                |                |                     |                | 1                  | 3              | 6*             |
| Virginia's Warbler          | 2                 |                 |               |                 | 2              |                   |                |                |                     | 2              |                    |                |                |
| Yellow Warbler              | 2                 | 2               | 1H            | 1               | 1              | 7                 | 2              | 5              | 4                   | 3              | 4                  | 3              |                |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| "Myrtle" race               | 5                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| "Audubon's" race            | 6                 | 6               | 8             | 4               |                |                   |                |                |                     |                | 10                 |                | 1              |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler |                   |                 |               | 7               |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Townsend's Warbler          | 2                 |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| MacGillivray's Warbler      |                   | 2               |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Common Yellowthroat         | 1                 |                 |               |                 |                | 4                 | 2              |                |                     | 2              | 4                  |                |                |
| Wilson's Warbler            |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 1                   |                | 1                  |                |                |
| Yellow-breasted Chat        |                   |                 |               |                 |                | 2                 |                | 5              |                     | 3              |                    |                |                |
| Western Tanager             |                   | 6               |               | 2               |                | 1                 | 4              | 3              |                     | 3              |                    | 2              | 2*             |
| Black-headed Grosbeak       | 1                 | 1               | 6             |                 |                | 3                 | 5              | 4              |                     |                |                    | 2              |                |
| Lazuli Bunting              | 3                 |                 |               |                 | 1              | 1                 |                | 2              |                     | 6              |                    |                |                |
| Green-tailed Towhee         | 1                 | 1               |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     | 2              |                    |                | 6              |
| Rufous-sided Towhee         | 3                 |                 |               |                 | 3              | 4                 | 6              | 13             |                     | 8              |                    | 2              |                |
| eastern races               |                   |                 | 1             |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Chipping Sparrow            |                   | 3               | 2             | 2               | 9              | 1                 |                |                |                     |                | 10                 | 10             | 1              |
| Brewer's Sparrow            | 1                 |                 |               |                 | 3              |                   |                |                | 5                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Vesper Sparrow              |                   |                 |               |                 | 1              |                   |                |                | 2                   | 12             |                    | 6              |                |
| Lark Sparrow                | 1                 |                 | 1             | 3               | 4              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Black-throated Sparrow      |                   |                 |               |                 | 3              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Lark Bunting                |                   |                 | 76            | 7               |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Savannah Sparrow            |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                | 9                   |                | 4                  |                |                |
| Song Sparrow                | 2                 | 1               |               |                 | 1              | 7                 |                |                | 1                   | 4              | 2                  |                |                |
| Lincoln's Sparrow           |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    | 1              | 1              |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 1                 | 1               |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                | 8                  |                |                |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| "Gray-headed" race          | 2                 | 4               |               |                 | 4              | 1                 |                |                |                     |                | 3                  | 5              | 3*             |
| Bobolink                    |                   |                 |               |                 | 3              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 62                | 15              | 8             | 9               | 25             | 25                | 16             |                | 9                   | 200            | 10                 | 1              | 5              |
| Western Meadowlark          | 21                |                 | 29            | 12              | 80             | 20                | 4              | 2              | 6                   | 100            | 15                 | 3              |                |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird     |                   |                 |               | 3               | 8              |                   |                |                | 36                  |                | 27                 |                |                |
| Brewer's Blackbird          | 3                 | 10              |               |                 | 100            | 1                 |                | 6              | 7                   |                |                    |                |                |
| Common Grackle              | 26                | 3               | 6             | 10              | 15             | 1                 | 5              |                | 21                  | 8              | 8                  | 8              |                |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        | 5                 | 4               | 3             |                 | 8              | 5                 | 1              | 9              | 8                   | 12             | 3                  | 2              |                |
| Blackbird species           |                   |                 | 10            |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| Northern Oriole             |                   |                 |               |                 |                |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |
| "Bullock's" race            | 3                 |                 | 4             | 11              | 4              | 13                |                | 9              |                     |                | 2                  | 1              |                |
| Scott's Oriole              |                   |                 |               |                 | 1              |                   |                |                |                     |                |                    |                |                |

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1983

- AUG. 3, Wednesday. BURLAND RANCHETTES (Hummingbirds, mountain birds). Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan and Hampden, southwest of May-D&F, at 7:00 A.M. \*
- 6, Saturday. PINCLIFF, ELDORA, NEDERLAND. Leader: Gail Shickley; Field Trip Committee, coordinators. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Wheatridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th Ave. and Wadsworth. \*
- 7, Sunday. EVERGREEN, SUMMIT LAKE. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet leader at Bergen Park at 7:30 A.M. Carpool at 6:50 A.M. at W. 32nd and Chase St., Library lot (NW corner) in Wheatridge; then 32nd west to I-70. \*
- 13, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan & Hampden, southwest of May D&F. \*
- 14, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 Am.m at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. \*
- 20, Saturday. BAILEY, GUANELLA PASS, GEORGETOWN. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Park 'n Ride, Wadsworth south of Hampden. \*
- 21, Sunday. MATHEW WINTERS, RED ROCKS, MORRISON. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at north lot (Geology Cut) at Morrison exit on I-70. \*
- 27, Saturday. NORTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Airport-Voyager Inn Motel, Chambers Road, north of I-70.\* Look for shorebirds and early migrants.
- 28, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK REC. AREA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at West Gate.  $\frac{1}{2}$  day - lunch optional.

\*BRING LUNCH.

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer (279-4682)  
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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JULY 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JULY 2, Saturday. Berthoud area to Carter Lake, Chasteen Grove area (BER). Leaders: Art and Ruth Bessmer. Observers: Mary Bill Bauer (Louisville, Ky.), Joan Bushnell, Glenna Corey, Virginia Edens, Bob and Marge Foland, Don Groves, Harriett Hayes, Florence Hanneken, Louise Hering, Freda Krolik, Dorothy Lechnir, Hope Leighton, Nancy Pate, Anne Southcott, Don and Virginia Thompson (New York) and Ruth Wheeler. (Light overcast to fair; 65° to 86° F.; wind calm to breezy.) 6 hrs.; 40 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot. (41 species, 158 ind.).
- 4, Monday. McClelland Reservoir, Highline Canal, Daniel's Park, Waterton area (MC). Leaders: Harold and Betty Oliver. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Syd Glock, Rex McGehee, Joe and Norma Shwed, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Fair; 55° to 75° F.; wind southeast 3-15 mph.) 8 hrs.; 30 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (52 species, 251 individuals).
- 9, Saturday. Kossler Lake Area, Walker Ranch (Boulder area) (KL). Leaders: Art and Helen Wainwright. Observers: Mr. and Mrs. Burch (Buffalo, N.Y.), JoAnn Bushnell, Dede Harrison, Alan and Dee Hay, Louise Hering, Betty and Herman Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Mary Jane Schock, Roland Olderogg, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 70° to 90° F.; wind 0-5 mph.) 8 hrs.; 25 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (33 species, 115 individuals).

- JULY 10, Sunday. Rigli Ranch (RIG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: John Leonard, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 70° to 85° F.; wind NE 5-10 mph). 9 hrs.; 36½ mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (32 species, 343 individuals).
- 9-10, Saturday and Sunday. Southeast Colorado (SE). Observers: David Martin and Duane Nelson. (Clear, 58° to 104° F.) 26 hrs.; 894 mi. by car, 14 mi. on foot. (93 species, 4670 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. South Park - Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch (SP). Leaders: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marg Brockmeyer, Jerry Cairo, Alan and Dee Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, Roland Olderog, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 55° to 72° F.). 7½ hrs.; 25 mi. (48 species, 368 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. Golden Gate Canyon and State Park (GGC). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Bill and Olive Burch (Buffalo, NY), Peg Duffy, Irene Grenier, Dee Hay, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik. (Clear to afternoon thunder showers; 65° to 80° F.; wind calm). 7 hrs.; 18 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (37 species, 135 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Pueblo to La Junta, Cheraw (east of Pueblo (PE)). Leader: Dave Griffiths. Observers: Jerry Cairo, David Johnson, Don and Lee Johnson, D. W. King, Dorothy Lechnir, John Leonard, Rex McGehee, Tinka Sherman, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny, clear; 75° to 95° F.). 131 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 9½ hrs. (76 species, 2403 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Pueblo west to Rye (PW). Leader: Dave Silverman. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Dave and Carolyn Griffiths, Dorothy Lechnir, Rex McGehee, Mary Jane Schock, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Fair, 65° to 90° F.; breezy.) 8½ hrs.; 88 mi. by car. (49 species, 317 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Denver to Tamarack Ranch (Logan Co.) via I-76; Crook, Red Lion State Wildlife Area; Jumbo Reservoir (NECO). Observers: Warren Finch, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; 63° to 85° F.; wind NE 0-25 mph). 345 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 13 hrs. (88 species, 2638 individuals).
- 29-31, Fri. - Sunday. Cherry Creek Res.; Castlewood Canyon S.P., Pueblo; Fowler; Lake Henry, Lake Meredith; Rocky Ford S.W.A.; Dye Res.; Cheraw; Lamar; Two Buttes Res.; Cottonwood and Carrizo Canyons; Blue Lake (SECO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; 63° - 99° F.; wind variable, 0-15 mph). 36 hrs.; 690 mi. by car, 10 mi. on foot. (134 species, 13003 ind.).
- 30, Saturday. Filius Park, Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake, Summit Lake (FP). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Bill and Sylvia Brockner, Lori Chappell, Virginia Edens, Jack Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Mary McEnrue, Martha Marshall, Rich and Betsy Maslow, Dick Pratt, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler and Liz Willcockson. (Partly cloudy to cloudy.) 7 1/4 hrs.; 70 mi. by car, 3½ mi. on foot. (36 species, 124 individuals).
- 31, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CR). Leader: John Leonard. Observers: Peggy Duffy, Irene Grenier, Toby Titman. (Mostly sunny; 55° to 79° F.). 5 hrs. 12 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (37 species, 454 individuals). (High water, footpaths flooded.)

| JULY                      | 2    | 4     | 9  | 10  | 9-10 | 16 | 17    | 23  | 24  | 24   | 29-30 | 30 | 31  |
|---------------------------|------|-------|----|-----|------|----|-------|-----|-----|------|-------|----|-----|
| AREA                      | BER  | MC    | KL | RIG | SE   | SP | GGC   | PE  | PW  | NECO | SECO  | FP | CR  |
| HABITAT                   | P/F  | P/F   | Mt | Pl  | Pl   | HP | F/M   | Pl  | P/F | Plns | Plns  | Mt | Pl  |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | 1(N) |       |    |     | 4    |    |       | 4   |     | 1    | 34    |    |     |
| Eared Grebe               |      |       |    |     | 10   |    |       | 57  |     |      | 351   |    |     |
| Western Grebe             | 1    | 1     |    |     | 50   |    |       | 23  |     | 2    | 400   |    |     |
| "Clark's" form            |      |       |    |     | 6    |    |       |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| American White Pelican    |      |       |    |     | 2    |    |       |     |     | 35   | 40    |    |     |
| Double-crested Cormorant  |      | 6     |    |     |      |    |       |     |     | 50   | 30    |    |     |
| American Bittern          |      |       |    |     | 1    |    |       |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Great Blue Heron          |      | 7     |    |     | 1    |    |       |     |     | 4    | 7     |    |     |
| Snowy Egret               |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     |      | 2     |    |     |
| Cattle Egret              |      |       |    |     | 1    |    |       |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Green-backed Heron        |      |       |    |     |      |    |       | 1   |     |      |       |    |     |
| Black-crowned Night Heron |      |       |    |     | 10   |    |       |     |     | 3    | 7     |    |     |
| White-faced Ibis          |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Snow Goose ("White" form) |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     |      | 2ad   |    |     |
| Canada Goose              | 2    | 4     |    |     |      |    |       |     |     | 110  | 40    |    | 30  |
| Wood Duck                 |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     | 1ma  |       |    |     |
| Green-winged Teal         |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     | 5    |       |    |     |
| Mallard                   | 10   | 4     |    |     | 15   |    | 3a,31 | 9   |     | 80   | 50    |    | 10  |
| Northern Pintail          |      |       |    |     |      |    |       | 2   |     | 125  | 80    |    |     |
| Blue-winged Teal          | 1    |       |    |     | 6    |    |       |     |     | 30   | 60    |    |     |
| Cinnamon Teal             |      |       |    |     | 6    |    |       |     |     |      | 2     |    |     |
| Northern Shoveler         |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Gadwall                   | 1    |       |    |     |      |    |       | 2   |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| American Wigeon           | 5    |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     | 1fe  |       |    |     |
| Canvasback                |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     | 2ma  |       |    |     |
| Redhead                   |      |       |    |     | 12   |    |       | 285 |     | 1ma  | 20    |    |     |
| Ruddy Duck                | 2    |       |    |     | 1    |    |       | 11  |     |      | 75    |    |     |
| Turkey Vulture            |      | 3     | 1  |     | 20   |    | 1     | 117 |     |      | 63    |    |     |
| Mississippi Kite          |      |       |    |     | 2    |    |       | 4   |     |      | 15ad  |    |     |
| Northern Harrier          |      |       |    |     | 1    |    |       |     |     |      |       |    | 1fe |
| Swainson's Hawk           |      | 3(N)  |    | 1   | 10   | 1  | 1     | 4   |     | 11   | 23    |    |     |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | 2    | 21(N) |    | 1   |      |    | 2     | 1   | 3   |      |       |    |     |
| "Western" races           |      |       |    |     | 2    |    |       |     |     | 21mm | 10    |    |     |
| Ferruginous Hawk          |      |       |    | 1   |      |    |       | 1   |     |      | 1ad   |    |     |
| Golden Eagle              |      |       | 1  |     |      |    |       | 1   |     |      | 1ad   |    |     |
| American Kestrel          | 2    | 5     |    |     | 30   |    |       | 6   | 3   | 22   | 26    | 1  |     |
| Prairie Falcon            |      |       |    | 1   |      |    |       | 1   |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      |      |       |    | 7   | 3    |    |       |     |     |      |       |    | 1   |
| Wild Turkey               |      |       |    |     | 1    |    |       |     |     |      | 3a61  |    |     |
| Northern Bobwhite         |      |       |    |     | 4    |    |       |     |     | 15   | 13    |    |     |
| Scaled Quail              |      |       |    |     | 10   |    |       | 4   |     |      |       |    |     |
| Sora                      |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| American Coot             | 3(N) | 2     |    |     | 20   |    |       | 48  |     |      | 300   |    |     |
| Snowy Plover              |      |       |    |     | 2    |    |       |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Semipalmated Plover       |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Piping Plover             |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Killdeer                  | 6    | 3     |    | 14  | 20   | 1  |       | 21  |     | 35   | 63    |    | 1   |
| Black-necked Stilt        |      |       |    |     |      |    |       | 4   |     |      | 7     |    |     |
| American Avocet           |      |       |    |     | 1    |    |       |     |     |      | 12    |    |     |
| Greater Yellowlegs        |      |       |    |     | 1    |    |       | 1   |     |      | 12    |    |     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs         |      |       |    |     | 3    |    |       | 5   |     | 40   | 32    |    |     |
| Willet                    |      |       |    |     | 1    |    |       |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Spotted Sandpiper         |      |       |    |     | 3    | 1  | 2     | 5   |     |      | 7     | 5  | 1   |
| Upland Sandpiper          |      |       |    |     |      |    |       |     |     | 3    | 1     |    |     |



| JULY                     | 2   | 4     | 9  | 10  | 9-10 | 16   | 17   | 23  | 24  | 24   | 29-31 | 30 | 31  |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|-------|----|-----|
| AREA                     | BER | MC    | KL | RIG | SE   | SP   | GGC  | PE  | PW  | NECO | SECO  | FP | CR  |
| HABITAT                  | P/F | P/F   | Mt | Pl  | Pl   | HP   | F/M  | Pl  | P/F | Plns | Plns  | Mt | Pl  |
| Long-billed Curlew       |     |       |    |     | 2a11 |      |      |     |     |      | 14    |    |     |
| Marbled Godwit           |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     |      | 4     |    |     |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper   |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     | 2    | 10    |    |     |
| Western Sandpiper        |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     | 30   | 50    |    |     |
| Least Sandpiper          |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     | 10   | 75    |    |     |
| Baird's Sandpiper        |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     | 18   | 30    |    |     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher    |     |       |    |     |      |      |      | 8   |     | 25   | 35    |    |     |
| Common Snipe             |     |       |    |     |      | 2    |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Wilson's Phalarope       |     |       |    |     |      | 1    |      | 15  |     | 12   |       |    |     |
| Red-necked Phalarope     |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     |      | 1     |    |     |
| Franklin's Gull          |     |       |    |     | 500  |      |      | 535 |     | 125  | 5000  |    |     |
| Ring-billed Gull         | 5   |       |    |     | 4    |      |      | 8   |     | 100  | 65    |    | 13  |
| California Gull          |     |       |    |     |      |      |      | 1   |     | 10   | 5     |    |     |
| Forster's Tern           |     |       |    |     | 1    |      |      |     |     | 3    | 7     |    |     |
| Least Tern               |     |       |    |     | 5    |      |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Black Tern               |     |       |    |     | 8    |      |      | 41  |     | 15   | 300   |    |     |
| Rock Dove                | 2   | 12    |    |     | 200  |      |      | 41  |     | 7    | 78    |    | 1   |
| Mourning Dove            | 12  | 3     | 1  | 3   | 23   | 1000 |      | 32  | 15  | 150  | 575   | 3  | 35  |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo     |     |       |    |     |      | 3    |      | 5   |     | 2    | 3     |    |     |
| Common Barn-Owl          |     |       |    |     |      | 9    |      |     |     |      | 3a21  |    |     |
| Great Horned Owl         |     |       |    | 11  | 1    | 1    |      |     | 2   |      |       |    |     |
| Burrowing Owl            |     |       |    | 2   | 3    |      |      | 4   | 3   | 6    | 2     |    | 8   |
| Common Nighthawk         |     |       |    | 2   | 16   |      | 2    | 3   |     | 1    | 8     |    |     |
| Chimney Swift            |     |       |    |     |      |      |      | 8   |     | 2    |       |    |     |
| White-throated Swift     |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     | 3   |      |       |    |     |
| Hummingbird species      |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |       |    | 2fe |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird |     | 2     | 4  |     |      | 5    | 4    |     | 4   |      | 7     | 19 |     |
| Rufous Hummingbird       |     |       |    |     |      | 1    |      |     |     |      |       | 1  |     |
| Belted Kingfisher        |     | 1     |    |     |      |      |      |     |     |      | 3     |    |     |
| Lewis' Woodpecker        |     |       |    |     | 21   |      |      | 1   | 6   |      | 14    |    |     |
| Red-headed Woodpecker    |     |       |    |     | 5    |      |      | 2   |     | 4    | 9     |    |     |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker |     |       |    |     |      | 7    | 3(N) |     |     |      |       | 1  |     |
| Downy Woodpecker         |     | 1     |    |     |      |      |      | 1   |     | 6    | 2     |    | 2   |
| Hairy Woodpecker         |     |       | 2  |     |      |      |      |     |     |      | 6     |    |     |
| Three-toed Woodpecker    |     |       |    |     |      | 3    |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Northern Flicker         |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| "Yellow-shafted" race    |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     | 7    |       |    |     |
| "Red-shafted" race       | 1   | 2     | 2  |     | 6    | 4    | 2    | 3   |     | 40   | 9     | 2  | 3   |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher   |     |       | 1  |     |      | 3    |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Western Wood-Pewee       | 2   | 1     | 2  |     |      | 4    | 2    |     | 4   |      |       |    | 6   |
| Western Flycatcher       |     |       | 1  |     |      |      |      |     |     |      | 5     | 2  |     |
| Empidonax species        |     |       |    |     |      | 2    |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Eastern Phoebe           |     |       |    |     | 6    |      |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Say's Phoebe             |     |       |    |     | 2    |      |      | 5   |     |      | 2     |    |     |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher  |     |       |    |     | 6    |      |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |
| Cassin's Kingbird        |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     | 6   |      | 1     |    |     |
| Western Kingbird         | 1   | 3(N)1 | 2  | 32  | 200  |      |      | 39  | 17  | 65   | 400   |    | 10  |
| Eastern Kingbird         | 3   | 2     | 1  | 5   | 2    |      |      | 5   | 1   | 40   | 4     |    | 4   |
| Horned Lark              | 1   | 9     |    | 20  | 400  |      |      | 41  |     | 2    | 4175  |    | 3   |
| Tree Swallow             |     | 3     | 5  |     |      | 50   | 2    |     |     | 6    |       |    |     |
| Violet-green Swallow     |     |       | 1  |     |      | 2    | 2    |     | 30  |      | 100   |    |     |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow |     | 8     |    |     |      |      |      |     | 4   | 1    |       |    |     |
| Bank Swallow             |     |       |    |     |      |      |      |     |     | 1    | 15    |    |     |
| Cliff Swallow            | 8   | 15(N) |    |     | 1000 | 45   | 3    | 52  | 100 | 120  | 565   |    | 15  |
| Barn Swallow             | 1   | 10    | 1  | 9   | 50   | 7    | 4(N) | 18  | 10  | 400  | 600   |    | 10  |

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|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Gray Jay                |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 5              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| Steller's Jay           |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  | 3              |                 |                    | 10                    | 4              |                |
| Blue Jay                |                 |                |               |                 | 2                |                |                  |                |                 | 1                  | 16                    |                |                |
| Scrub Jay               |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                | 3               |                    | 5                     |                |                |
| Clark's Nutcracker      |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 6              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 6              |                |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 2               | 1              |               | 13              | 2                | 1              |                  | 17             | 4               | 1                  | 114                   | 1              | 6              |
| American Crow           | 1               | 1              | 1             |                 | 8                |                | 1                | 3              | 4               |                    | 25                    | 1              |                |
| Chihuahuan Raven        |                 |                |               |                 | 4                |                |                  | 6              |                 |                    | 14                    |                |                |
| Common Raven            |                 |                | 2             |                 |                  | 6              |                  |                | 2               |                    | 1                     | 3              |                |
| Black-capped Chickadee  |                 |                |               | 2               |                  |                |                  |                |                 | 4                  | 10                    | 1              |                |
| Mountain Chickadee      |                 | 1              | 4             |                 |                  | 6              | 4(N)             |                | 2               |                    | 5                     |                |                |
| Plain Titmouse          |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  | 10             |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   |                 |                | 1             |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| White-breasted Nuthatch |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                | 1               |                    | 5                     | 1              |                |
| Pygmy Nuthatch          |                 |                | 2             |                 |                  |                | 2(N)             |                | 1               |                    | 4                     |                |                |
| Rock Wren               |                 |                |               |                 | 19               |                |                  |                | 7               |                    | 3                     |                |                |
| Canyon Wren             |                 |                |               |                 | 2                |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 6                     |                |                |
| Bewick's Wren           |                 |                |               |                 | 1                |                |                  |                | 2               |                    | 2                     |                |                |
| House Wren              |                 | 10             | 3             | 8               | 2                | 4              | 1                |                |                 | 50                 | 15                    |                | 7              |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 8              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| Western Bluebird        |                 |                | 1             |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 3                     | 1              |                |
| Mountain Bluebird       |                 | 8(N)           | 12            |                 |                  | 16             | 2(N)             |                | 1               |                    | 6                     | 2              |                |
| Townsend's Solitaire    |                 |                | 2             |                 |                  | 5              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 2              |                |
| Veery                   |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 1              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 1              |                |
| Hermit Thrush           |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 6              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 5              |                |
| American Robin          | 3               | 9              | 2             | 9               | 3                | 2              | 15               | 11             | 10              | 1                  | 25                    | 64             | 5              |
| Gray Catbird            |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 1                     |                |                |
| Northern Mockingbird    |                 |                |               | 1               | 35               |                |                  | 2              |                 |                    | 7                     |                |                |
| Sage Thrasher           |                 |                |               |                 | 2                |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| Brown Thrasher          |                 |                |               | 1               |                  |                |                  | 1              |                 | 2                  | 6                     |                |                |
| Curve-billed Thrasher   |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  | 4              |                 |                    | 1                     |                |                |
| Water Pipit             |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 4              |                |
| Loggerhead Shrike       |                 |                |               | 9               | 30               |                |                  | 1              |                 |                    | 4                     |                |                |
| European Starling       | 12              | 2              | 1             |                 | 12               | 2              |                  | 142            |                 | 50                 | 480                   |                | 15             |
| Bell's Vireo            |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 | 5                  |                       |                |                |
| Solitary Vireo          | 1               |                | 1             | 9               |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 1                     |                |                |
| Warbling Vireo          | 1               |                | 1             |                 | 6                | 1              |                  |                | 1               |                    |                       | 1              |                |
| Red-eyed Vireo          |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 | 1                  |                       |                |                |
| Virginia's Warbler      |                 |                | 1             |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| Yellow Warbler          |                 | 4              |               |                 |                  |                |                  | 1              | 3               | 2                  |                       |                | 4              |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler   |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| "Audubon's" race        |                 |                | 6             |                 | 6                | 1              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 8              |                |
| Grace's Warbler         |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                | 1               |                    |                       |                |                |
| American Redstart       |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                | 1               |                    |                       |                |                |
| Common Yellowthroat     |                 | 1              |               | 3               |                  |                |                  |                | 4               | 40                 | 35                    |                | 5              |
| Wilson's Warbler        |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 3              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 2              |                |
| Yellow-breasted Chat    |                 | 3              |               |                 | 2                |                |                  | 1              | 2               | 25                 | 4                     |                |                |
| Western Tanager         |                 | 1              | 2             |                 |                  |                | 3                | 1              |                 |                    | 1m                    |                |                |
| Black-headed Grosbeak   |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  | 1              |                 |                    | 1mlf                  | 1              |                |
| Blue Grosbeak           |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  | 6              | 1               | 1mlf               | 7ma                   |                |                |
| Lazuli Bunting          | 2               | 2              |               |                 | 1                |                | 4                |                | 2               |                    | 4ma                   |                |                |
| Indigo Bunting          |                 |                |               |                 | 2                |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 1ma                   |                |                |
| Lazuli X Indigo Bunting |                 |                |               |                 | 1                |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| Dickcissel              |                 |                |               |                 | 2                |                |                  | 4              |                 | 12                 | 2mlf                  |                |                |
| Green-tailed Towhee     |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 6              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 1              |                |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Rufous-sided Towhee       | 1               | 1 3            |               |                 | 2                |                | 3                |                | 3               |                    | 30                    |                | 4              |
| <u>eastern races</u>      |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 | 3                  |                       |                |                |
| Brown Towhee              |                 |                |               |                 | 3                |                |                  |                | 3               |                    | 2                     |                |                |
| Cassin's Sparrow          |                 |                |               |                 | 8                |                |                  | 2              |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| Chipping Sparrow          |                 |                | 8             |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 1                     | 4              | 35             |
| Brewer's Sparrow          |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                | 6              |
| Vesper Sparrow            |                 | 3 2            | 7             |                 | 10               | 2              |                  | 1              |                 |                    | 15                    |                |                |
| Lark Sparrow              |                 |                |               | 14              | 300              |                |                  | 5              | 10              |                    | 47                    |                |                |
| Lark Bunting              |                 | 10             |               | 32              | 100              |                |                  | 123            |                 |                    | 345                   |                |                |
| Savannah Sparrow          |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 15             |                  |                |                 |                    | 1                     |                |                |
| Grasshopper Sparrow       |                 |                |               | 5               | 9                |                |                  | 2              | 1               |                    | 13                    |                |                |
| Song Sparrow              |                 | 1              |               |                 |                  |                | 1                |                |                 |                    | 7                     |                | 8              |
| Lincoln's Sparrow         |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 3              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 2              |                |
| White-crowned Sparrow     |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 8              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 5              |                |
| Dark-eyed Junco           |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| "Gray-headed" race        |                 |                | 6(N)          |                 |                  | 12             | 2                |                |                 |                    | 3                     | 6              |                |
| Bobolink                  |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 1ma                   |                |                |
| Red-winged Blackbird      | 4               | 15             |               | 8               | 10               | 14             | 2                | 54             |                 | 250                | 280                   |                | 50             |
| <u>Eastern Meadowlark</u> |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 | 1                  |                       |                |                |
| Western Meadowlark        | 6               | 13             |               | 12(N)           | 250              | 3              | 1                | 18             | 5               | 100                | 300                   |                | 20             |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird   | 7               |                |               |                 | 30               |                |                  | 12             |                 | 1                  |                       |                | 3              |
| Brewer's Blackbird        | 2               |                |               |                 | 1                | 10             | 20               | 5              |                 |                    | 75                    |                |                |
| Common Grackle            |                 | 9              |               | 7               | 30               |                |                  | 528            | 3               | 25                 | 500                   |                | 25             |
| Brown-headed Cowbird      |                 | 8              | 1             | 3               | 10               | 4              | 3                | 2              |                 | 50                 | 140                   |                |                |
| Orchard Oriole            |                 |                |               | 5               | 4                |                |                  |                |                 | 11                 | 1ma                   |                |                |
| Northern Oriole           |                 |                |               | 28              | 40               |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| "Baltimore" race          |                 |                |               | 1               |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| "Bullock's" race          | 1(N)            | 6              |               |                 |                  |                |                  | 4              |                 | 10                 | 12                    |                | 11             |
| Rosy Finch                |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                |                |
| "Brown-capped" race       |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    |                       | 12             |                |
| Pine Grosbeak             |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 6              |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                | 1              |
| Cassin's Finch            |                 |                |               |                 |                  | 15             |                  |                |                 |                    |                       |                | 2              |
| House Finch               | 2               | 1              |               | 1               |                  |                |                  |                |                 | 5                  | 30                    | 5              | 75             |
| Red Crossbill             |                 |                | 1             |                 |                  |                |                  |                |                 |                    | 4                     | 4              |                |
| Pine Siskin               |                 |                | 14            |                 |                  | 35             | 14               |                | 7               |                    | 20                    | 6              |                |
| Lesser Goldfinch          | 6               | 3 7            | 1             |                 |                  | 1              | 1                |                | 1               |                    | 4ma                   |                |                |
| American Goldfinch        |                 | 3              |               |                 |                  |                | 1                |                | 4               | 3                  | 12                    |                | 10             |
| Evening Grosbeak          |                 |                |               |                 |                  |                | 2                |                |                 |                    |                       | 1              |                |
| House Sparrow             | 15              |                |               | 61              | 100              |                |                  | 63             | 12              | 125                | 600                   |                | 4              |
| TOTAL SPECIES - 190       | 41              | 52             | 33            | 32              | 93               | 48             | 37               | 76             | 49              | 88                 | 134                   | 36             | 37             |

ABBREVIATIONS and SYMBOLS: P, Pl, Plns=plains; F=foothills; M, Mt=mountains; HP=high plains; m,ma=males; f,fe=females; i, imm.=immature; (N)=nest located.

#### ADDITIONAL JULY 1983 REPORTS:

Western Grebe 7/16 (1 "Clark's" form) Lower Latham Res. (LH,DW).  
 Little Blue Heron 7/2 (1 imm.) Antero Res. (RB, LH, DW).  
 Peregrine Falcon 7/2 (1 ad.) Antero Res. (RB, LH, DW).  
 Gambel's Quail 7/20 (4 ad., 8 young) Colo. National Monument (DW).  
 Black-necked Stilt 7/16 (2 ad.) Lower Latham Res. (LH,DW).  
 Willet 7/2 (3) Antero Rs. (RB,LH,DW).  
 Marbled Godwit 7/2 (2) Antero Res. (RB,LH,DW).  
 Western Sandpiper 7/16 (12) Lower Latham Res. (LH,DW).  
 Least Sandpiper 7/16 (5) Lower Latham Res. (LH,DW).



Baird's Sandpiper 7/16 (2) Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee N.G.; (4) Lower Latham (LH,DW).  
Pectoral Sandpiper 7/16 (1) Crow Valley CG., Pawnee N.G.; (1) Lower Latham Res. (LH,DW)  
Herring Gull 7/2 (1 ad., breeding w/ Calif. Gull) Antero Res. (RB,LH,DW).  
Greater Road Runner 7/24 (1 fe. w/ food) Burnt Mill Rd. (RB,LH,DW).  
Chimney Swift 7/17 (4) Denver (RG).  
Grey Flycatcher 7/24 (2) Temple Canyon (RB,LH,DW).  
Cassin's Kingbird 7/24 (12) Pueblo area (RB,LH,DW).  
Eastern Kingbird 7/16 (1) Hack Ranch, So. Park (FH).  
Calliope Hummingbird 7/3, 10 (1 ma) Hack Ranch, South Park (CH,FH,KH).  
Black-chinned Hummingbird 7/24 (1 ma) Temple Canyon (RB,LH,DW).  
Rufous Hummingbird 7/3 (1 ma.) Hack Ranch, South Park (CH,FH,KH).  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 7/20-8/1 (3 pairs) north of Rifle (DW).  
Red-headed Woodpecker 7/30 (1) east Tennessee Creek @ 10,000 feet (R&NG).  
Sage Thrasher 7/24 (1) east of Hanna Ranch (RB,LH,DW).  
Curve-billed Thrasher 7/24 (2) east of Hanna Ranch (RB,LH,DW).  
Grey Vireo 7/20 (1) Colo. Nat. Monument; 7/21 (1) north of Rifle (DW).  
Virginia's Warbler 7/31 (1) Big Union Creek @ 10,000 feet (R&NG).  
Orange-crowned Warbler 7/19 (1) near Three Forks CG, White River Nat. Forest (DW).  
Grace's Warbler 7/24 (1 ad., 1 juv.) Rye (RB,LH,DW).  
Black-throated Grey Warbler 7/20 (1 ma) Colo. Nat. Mon. (DW).  
Indigo Bunting 7/21 (1 ma) north of Rifle (DW).  
Grasshopper Sparrow 7/9 (7 singing) near Parker (LH,DW); 7/30-31 (5 singing) near Haystack Mt., Boulder Co. (LH).  
Great-tailed Grackle 7/2 (1 fe) Buena Vista (LH,DW).

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#### NOTICES AND REMINDERS

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1983

SEPT. 3, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH (Plains Birds). Coordinator: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot, at 6:30 A.M. or meet at Pepperpod Restaurant at Hudson at 7:15 A.M. \*

5, Monday. Labor Day. CASTLEWOOD AREA. Birding in area led by Bob Spencer and study of grasses led by Herb Jones. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. or at Franktown crossroads at 8:00 A.M. Bring picnic lunch.

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FALL COUNT

SEPT. 10, Saturday.

|            |                                                                                                        |
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| RED ROCKS  | Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet 6:30 A.M., Trading Post.                                                  |
| BEAR CREEK | Mary Jane Schock (922-3144) Meet 7:00 A.M., Bear Valley Shopping Center, May D&F, Sheridan & U.S. 285. |
| CHATFIELD  | Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Call leaders for time and place.                                     |
| WATERTON   | Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet 6:30 A.M. at Park & Ride, U.S. 285 and S. Wadsworth                      |

SEPT. 11, Sunday.

|                   |                                                                                                   |
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| BARR LAKE         | Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet 6:30, Park Entrance on east side of Park. Strenuous, 8-10 mi. hike. |
| BARR PERIFERY     | Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet 6:30 A.M., Picadilly & Bromley.                                        |
| CHERRY CREEK PARK | Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet 7:00 A.M., west gate.                                              |
| CASTLEWOOD PARK.  | Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at 7:30 A.M., Texaco station in Franktown.                           |

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SEPT. 17, Saturday. BERTHOUD-LOVELAND AREA. Leader: Camille Cummings (1-532-2016). Carpool at 6:45 A.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth or meet leader at 8:00 A.M. on U.S. 287 at the corner where U.S. 287 turns east (joins Colo. 56) toward Berthoud. \*

18, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE-FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the mortuary on Quebec, south of Alameda. \*

24, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREEN BELT. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park on W. 44th Ave. (west of Robb). \*

25, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Basemar Shopping Center at Int'l Pancake House (Broadway & Baseline). Carpool at 7:15 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, Wadsworth and W. 38th Ave. \*

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AUGUST 1982 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- AUGUST 3, Wednesday. Hilander Inn to Burland Ranchettes (BUR). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Bill Brockner, Nancy Crosby, Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Toby Titman. (Fair in A.M., cloudy P.M.; 65° to 75° F.; light wind). 6 hrs.; 32 mi. by car, 1½ mi. on foot. (37 species, 171 individuals).
- 6, Saturday. Coal Creek-Pinecliff-Eldora areas (CC). Leader: Gail Shickley. Observers: Diane Brown, JoAnn Bushnell, David Child, Glenna Corey, Dave Hallock, Kathy Hirst, Freda Krolik, Norma and Joe Shwed, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy to fair; 65° to 75° F.; wind 0-5 mph). 9 hrs.; 50 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (49 species, 192 individuals).
- 7, Sunday. Evergreen, Bergen Park, Summit Lake (EV). Leader: Winston Wm. Brockner. Observers: Sylvia Brockner, Norma and Joseph Shwed. (Clear - cloudy.) 52 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (28 species, 77 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Chatfield State Park to Waterton Bridge (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Janet Beaulieu (Arizona), Henry and Vi Bossman, JoAnn Bushnell, Ruby Ebright, Don Groves, Kathy Hirst, Don and Lee Johnson,

- Hazel Kellogg, Eileen McGinn, Martha Marshall, Betty and Harold Oliver, Mary Jane Schock, Joe and Norma Shwed, Cal Wichern. (Partly cloudy; 68° to 78° F.; wind light.) 6½ hrs.; 12 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (57 species, 686 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Walter Bull. Observers: Jan Beaulieu, Kathy Hirst, D.W. King. (Sunny, clear; 75° to 90° F.; wind 0-5 mph). 4.25 hrs.; 58 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (41 species, 1072 ind.).
- 17, Wednesday. Boulder-Weld County Lakes: Gaynor, Union, Lower Latham, Ireland, Veil, Prospect, Hiram Prince (BL). Observers: Larry Halsey, Doug Ward. (Clear; 75° to 85° F.). 8 hrs.; 120 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (68 species, 3689 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. Bailey, Guanella Pass, Georgetown (BGG). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: JoAnn Bushnell, Karen Bushnell, Hazel Kellogg, Judy Merrill, Joe and Norma Shwed. (Clear, warm.) 45 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot; 7 hrs. (30 species, 155 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Mathews/Winter and Red Rocks Parks (MWRR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Cindy and Dick Gordon, Frank Justice, Bill and Rose Kephart, Andre and Bernadette Lebourg (Montlucen, France), John Leonard, Dick Schottler. (Clear, 68° to 85° F.; windy). 6 hrs.; 5 mi. by car, 3.5 mi. on foot. (39 species, 350 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Fort Morgan; Muir Springs Park; Bijou Reservoir; Kersey; Latham Reservoir; Ireland Reservoir; Prospect Res. (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Glenna Corey, Alan and Dee Hay, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Ken LaBorde, Carol Lechnir, John Leonard, Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 60° to 90° F.; wind variable, 0-3 mph). 11½ hrs.; 225 by car, 3 mi. on foot. (87 species, 5035 individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Freda Krolik, Don and Jo Shrode, Toby Titman. (Sunny, clear; 60° to 84° F.; wind calm). 5½ hrs.; 12 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot. (30 species, 499 individuals).

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|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe          |                 |               |               | 1                  |                    | 20              |                  |                    | 40                 |                    |
| Eared Grebe                |                 |               |               |                    | 2                  | 4               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Western Grebe              |                 |               |               | 2                  | 13                 | 100             |                  |                    | 20                 |                    |
| "Clark's" form             |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 1               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| American White Pelican     |                 |               |               |                    | 119                | 60              |                  |                    | 61                 |                    |
| Double-crested Cormorant   |                 |               |               | 175                | 38                 | 15              |                  |                    | 290                |                    |
| Great Blue Heron           |                 | 1             |               | 27                 | 7                  | 9               |                  |                    | 16                 | 5                  |
| Great Egret                |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 2               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Snowy Egret                |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 3               |                  |                    | 30                 |                    |
| Cattle Egret               |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 1               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Green-backed Heron         |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 1                  |                    |
| Black-crowned Night Heron  |                 |               |               | 2imm               | 7                  |                 |                  |                    | 1ad                | 6imm               |
| Canada Goose               |                 |               |               | 15                 | 12                 | 10              |                  |                    | 10                 | 27                 |
| Wood Duck                  |                 |               |               | 3                  |                    |                 |                  |                    | 2ma                |                    |
| Green-winged Teal          |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 4               |                  |                    | 15                 |                    |
| Mallard                    | 1a5i            | 1a5i          |               | 12                 | 7                  | 15              |                  |                    | 300                | 27                 |
| Northern Pintail           |                 |               |               |                    | 7                  | 20              |                  |                    | 150                |                    |
| Blue-winged Teal           |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 100                |                    |
| Cinnamon Teal              |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 10                 |                    |
| "Blue-winged" Teal species |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 40              |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Northern Shoveler          |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 2               |                  |                    | 8                  |                    |

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| Gadwall                   |                 |               |               | 2                  | 1                  | 4               |                  |                    | 2                  |                    |
| American Wigeon           |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 2               |                  |                    | 15                 |                    |
| Redhead                   |                 |               |               |                    | 5                  | 1               |                  |                    | 12                 |                    |
| Ring-necked Duck          |                 | lali          |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Ruddy Duck                |                 |               |               |                    | 4                  | lm              |                  |                    | lm2f               |                    |
| Turkey Vulture            | 2               |               | 1             |                    | 1                  |                 |                  |                    | 1f                 | 1                  |
| Northern Harrier          |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  | 1                  |                    |                    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        |                 |               |               |                    | 2                  | 7               |                  |                    | 27                 |                    |
| Swainson's Hawk           |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | 1               | 2             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| "Western" races           |                 |               |               | 3                  |                    |                 |                  | 1                  | 3                  |                    |
| American Kestrel          |                 |               |               | 6                  | 2                  | 12              |                  | 4                  | 15                 |                    |
| Prairie Falcon            |                 |               | 1             |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 5               |                  |                    |                    | 1                  |
| Northern Bobwhite         |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 3                  |                    |
| Sora                      |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 1(H)            |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| American Coot             |                 | 6             |               |                    | 15                 | 60              |                  |                    | 600                |                    |
| Killdeer                  |                 |               |               | 6                  | 11                 | 80              |                  |                    | 145                | 5                  |
| American Avocet           |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 3               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Greater Yellowlegs        |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 7               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Lesser Yellowlegs         |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 9               |                  |                    | 47                 |                    |
| Solitary Sandpiper        |                 |               |               |                    | 7                  | 2               |                  |                    | 3                  |                    |
| Spotted Sandpiper         |                 | 1             |               | 1                  |                    | 8               |                  |                    |                    | 4                  |
| Upland Sandpiper          |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 4                  |                    |
| Western Sandpiper         |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 8               |                  |                    | 14                 |                    |
| Least Sandpiper           |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 5               |                  |                    | 13                 |                    |
| Baird's Sandpiper         |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 11              |                  |                    | 5                  |                    |
| Long-billed Dowitcher     |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 3               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Common Snipe              |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 3               |                  |                    | 4                  |                    |
| Wilson's Phalarope        |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 50                 |                    |
| Franklin's Gull           |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 2600            |                  | 3                  | 750                |                    |
| Ring-billed Gull          |                 |               |               | 20                 | 1                  | 60              |                  |                    | 150                | 285                |
| California Gull           |                 |               |               | 35                 | 381                | 20              |                  |                    | 120                | 15                 |
| Forster's Tern            |                 |               |               |                    | 1                  | 12              |                  |                    | 15                 |                    |
| Black Tern                |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 6               |                  |                    | 6                  |                    |
| Rock Dove                 |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 10              |                  | 30                 | 30                 |                    |
| Band-tailed Pigeon        | 40              | 3             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Mourning Dove             | 1               | 7             |               | 14                 | 70                 | 40              |                  | 15                 | 130                | 5                  |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 3                  |                    |
| Burrowing Owl             |                 |               |               | 4                  |                    | 1               |                  |                    | 1                  | 7                  |
| Common Nighthawk          |                 |               |               | 1                  |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| White-throated Swift      |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  | 10                 |                    |                    |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird  | 8               | 11            | 4             |                    |                    |                 | 16               | 3                  |                    |                    |
| Rufous Hummingbird        | 2               | 2             | 1             |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Belted Kingfisher         | 2               | 2             |               | 4                  |                    |                 |                  |                    | 2                  |                    |
| Lewis' Woodpecker         |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 2               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Red-headed Woodpecker     |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 2                  |                    |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | 1               | 1             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Williamson's Sapsucker    |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 | 3                |                    |                    |                    |
| Downy Woodpecker          |                 | 1             |               | 3                  |                    |                 |                  |                    | 3                  | 2                  |
| Hairy Woodpecker          |                 | 1             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Northern Flicker          |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| "Red-shafted" race        | 3               | 5             | 1             | 4                  | 6                  | 5               | 2                | 1                  | 2                  | 3                  |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher    |                 | 1             | 1             |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 4                  |                    |
| Western Wood-Pewee        | 2               | 3             |               | 6                  | 5                  |                 |                  | 2                  | 4                  | 1                  |
| Western Flycatcher        | 5               | 6             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  | 1                  |                    |                    |



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| Say's Phoebe              |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  | 1                  |                    |                    |
| Western Kingbird          |                 |               |               | 2                  | 11                 | 30              |                  |                    | 100                | 1                  |
| Eastern Kingbird          |                 |               |               | 10(N)              | 6                  | 15              |                  |                    | 20                 |                    |
| Horned Lark               |                 |               |               | 5                  |                    | 10              | 2                |                    | 10                 | 3                  |
| Tree Swallow              | 2               | 3             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Violet-green Swallow      | 5               | 17            |               |                    |                    |                 |                  | 1                  |                    |                    |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow  |                 |               |               | 4                  |                    | 2               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Bank Swallow              |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 10              |                  |                    | 50                 |                    |
| Cliff Swallow             | 2               |               |               | 25                 | 1                  | 30              |                  | 2                  | 150                |                    |
| Barn Swallow              |                 | 5             |               | 15                 | 4                  | 100             |                  | 7                  | 400                | 6                  |
| Gray Jay                  |                 |               | 4             |                    |                    |                 | 5                |                    |                    |                    |
| Steller's Jay             | 2               | 5             | 1             |                    |                    |                 | 4                |                    |                    |                    |
| Blue Jay                  |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 3                  |                    |
| Scrub Jay                 |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  | 12                 |                    |                    |
| Clark's Nutcracker        |                 |               | 3             |                    |                    |                 | 6                |                    |                    |                    |
| Black-billed Magpie       |                 | 6             | 16            | 4                  | 11                 | 5               | 7                | 10                 | 50                 | 1                  |
| American Crow             | 1               | 1             | 8             |                    |                    |                 | 8                |                    |                    |                    |
| Common Raven              | 4               | 3             | 1             |                    |                    |                 |                  | 8                  |                    |                    |
| Black-capped Chickadee    | 2               | 1             |               | 2                  | 4                  |                 |                  | 12                 | 6                  | 2                  |
| Mountain Chickadee        | 6               | 6             | 4             |                    |                    |                 | 8                |                    |                    |                    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch     |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 1                  |                    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch   | 4               |               |               |                    |                    |                 | 5                |                    |                    |                    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch            | 2               |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Brown Creeper             |                 | 1             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Canyon Wren               |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 | 3                |                    |                    |                    |
| House Wren                | 4               |               | 1             | 7                  | 3                  |                 | 1                | 3                  | 20                 |                    |
| Marsh Wren                |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 1                  |                    |
| American Dipper           |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 | 2                |                    |                    |                    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet      |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 | 3                |                    |                    |                    |
| Mountain Bluebird         | 5               | 4             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Townsend's Solitaire      | 1               | 1             |               | 1                  |                    |                 |                  | 1                  |                    |                    |
| Swainson's Thrush         |                 | 2             | 1             |                    |                    |                 |                  | 1                  |                    |                    |
| American Robin            | 6               | 13            | 1             | 28                 | 2                  | 1               | 10               | 15                 | 30                 | 24                 |
| Gray Catbird              |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 1                  |                    |
| Sage Thrasher             |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 1               |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Brown Thrasher            |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    | 8                  |                    |
| Water Pipit               |                 |               | 10            |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Cedar Waxwing             |                 |               |               | 2                  |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Loggerhead Shrike         |                 | 1             |               |                    |                    | 6               |                  |                    | 5                  |                    |
| European Starling         | 1               | 1             |               | 60                 | 13                 | 50              | 1                | 50                 | 350                |                    |
| Solitary Vireo            | 1               |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Warbling Vireo            | 2               | 2             |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Virginia's Warbler        |                 |               |               | 1                  |                    |                 | 1                | 1                  |                    |                    |
| Yellow Warbler            |                 |               |               | 8                  | 8                  |                 |                  |                    | 4                  | 1                  |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler     |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| "Audubon's" race          | 2               | 3             | 4             |                    |                    |                 | 2                |                    |                    |                    |
| Townsend's Warbler        |                 |               |               | 1*                 |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Black-and-White Warbler   |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 | 1                |                    | 1f                 |                    |
| American Redstart         |                 |               |               | 4                  |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |
| MacGillivray's Warbler    |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 | 1                |                    |                    |                    |
| Common Yellowthroat       |                 |               |               |                    |                    | 1               |                  |                    |                    | 3                  |
| Wilson's Warbler          |                 | 1             | 2             |                    |                    |                 | 2                |                    |                    | 2                  |
| Yellow-breasted Chat      |                 |               |               |                    |                    |                 |                  |                    |                    | 1                  |
| Western Tanager           | 2               | 2             |               | 3                  |                    |                 |                  |                    | 10                 |                    |
| Black-headed Grosbeak     |                 |               |               | 5                  |                    |                 |                  |                    | 15                 |                    |
| Blue Grosbeak             |                 |               |               | 1                  | 1                  |                 |                  |                    |                    |                    |

| AUGUST                  | 3   | 6  | 7  | 13   | 14   | 17  | 20  | 21   | 27   | 28   |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| AREA                    | BUR | CC | EV | CHAT | BARR | BL  | BGG | MWRR | NECO | CCRA |
| HABITAT                 | Mts | Mt | Mt | Plns | Plns | Pln | Mts | Fthl | Plns | Plns |
| Lazuli Bunting          |     |    |    | 1    |      |     |     | 25   |      |      |
| Indigo Bunting          |     |    |    | 1    |      |     |     |      | 1mlf |      |
| Green-tailed Towhee     |     | 4  | 1  |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |
| Rufous-sided Towhee     |     |    |    | 9    |      |     |     | 40   |      |      |
| Chipping Sparrow        |     |    | 6  | 9    |      |     | 2   | 2    |      |      |
| Clay-colored Sparrow    |     |    |    | 2    |      |     |     |      | 1    |      |
| Vesper Sparrow          |     |    |    |      |      |     | 10  | 3    |      |      |
| Lark Sparrow            |     |    |    | 7    |      | 25  |     | 2    | 5    |      |
| Lark Bunting            |     |    |    | 1    | 120  | 45  |     |      | 75   |      |
| Song Sparrow            | 3   | 4  |    | 5    |      |     |     | 1    | 1    | 2    |
| Lincoln's Sparrow       |     | 2  | 1  |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |
| White-crowned Sparrow   |     |    | 6  |      |      |     | 10  |      |      |      |
| Dark-eyed Junco         |     |    |    |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |
| "Gray-headed" race      |     | 1  | 1  |      |      |     | 2   |      |      |      |
| Red-winged Blackbird    |     | 5  | 1  |      | 4    | 15  |     |      | 115  | 12   |
| Western Meadowlark      |     | 1  |    | 9    | 4    | 3   |     | 30   | 10   | 10   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird |     |    |    |      |      | 10  |     |      | 4    |      |
| Brewer's Blackbird      |     |    |    | 70   |      |     |     |      |      | 3    |
| Common Grackle          |     |    |    | 1    | 23   | 30  |     |      | 25   | 20   |
| Brown-headed Cowbird    | 2   | 4  |    |      |      | 3   |     |      | 1    |      |
| Orchard Oriole          |     |    |    |      |      |     |     |      | 6fe  |      |
| Northern Oriole         |     |    |    |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |
| "Bullock's" race        |     |    |    | 3    | 4    | 1   |     | 15   | 6    |      |
| Rosy Finch              |     |    |    |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |
| "Brown-capped" race     |     |    | 6  |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |
| Cassin's Finch          | 4   | 7  |    |      |      |     | 4   |      |      |      |
| House Finch             |     |    |    | 12   |      |     |     | 2    | 15   | 1    |
| Red Crossbill           | 3   |    |    |      |      |     | 3   |      |      |      |
| Pine Siskin             | 7   | 12 | 1  |      |      |     | 7   |      |      |      |
| Lesser Goldfinch        |     | 4  |    | 4    |      |     |     | 15   |      |      |
| American Goldfinch      |     |    |    | 18   |      | 3   |     | 2    | 30   | 18   |
| Evening Grosbeak        | 14  | 9  |    |      |      |     | 14  |      |      |      |
| House Sparrow           |     |    | 1  |      | 39   | 60  | 12  |      | 280  | 1    |
| TOTAL SPECIES: 158      | 37  | 49 | 28 | 57   | 41   | 68  | 30  | 39   | 87   | 30   |

ABBREVIATIONS and SYMBOLS: Pln, plns=plains; Fthl=foothills; Mt, mts=mountains. i,imm.=immature; f,fe=female; m,ma=male. (H)=heard only; (N)=nest located.

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#### ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1983 REPORTS:

Common Loon 8/20 (3, non-breeding plumage) Antero Reservoir (JR).  
 American Bittern 8/13 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).  
 Great Egret 8/25 (2) Latham Res. (JC).  
 Snowy Egret 8/13 (2) Latham Res. (JC); 8/21 (40) Latham Res. (JR); 8/25 (8) Latham (JC).  
 Cattle Egret 8/26 (18) Latham Res. (LH,DW).  
 Green-backed Heron 7/22, 28 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).  
 White-faced Ibis 8/21 (1) Latham Res. (JC, JR).  
 Common Merganser 8/21 (2 fe) So. Platte River, Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Mississippi Kite 8/21 (1 ad.) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Cooper's Hawk 8/7 (1 ad, 1 imm) Silverthorne (HK).  
 Sora - ("All summer I have heard and seen them in a cattail marsh in the Denver Tech Center. It is surrounded by Belleview, Tamarac and Yosemite.") (HK).  
 Snowy Plover 8/20 (1) Antero Res., Park Co. (JR).  
 Ruff 8/21 (1 ma.) Latham Res., Weld Co. (JR).

Red-necked Phalarope 8/25 (1) Weld County (JC).  
Sabine's Gull 8/25 (2 ad.) Lower Latham Res. (TM).  
Common Tern 8/26 (1) Lower Latham Res. (LH, DW).  
Monk Parakeet 8/1-30 (1) Congress Park, Denver (HK, UK).  
Black Swift 8/13 (1) Nymph Lake, Rocky Mt. N.P. (JR).  
Chimney Swift 8/4 (9) Denver (HK); 8/26 (8) Greeley (JC).  
Marsh Wren 8/26 (2) Lower Latham Res. (LH, DW).  
Bell's Vireo 8/28 (8, still singing vigorously) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR).  
Solitary Vireo 8/21 (1 "cassini") Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).  
American Redstart 8/21 (1m, 1f) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR).  
MacGillivray's Warbler 8/21 (1) Muir Springs Park (JR); 8/24 (2) Echo Lake (TM).  
Savannah Sparrow 8/13 (1) Weld County (JC).  
Grasshopper Sparrow 8/28 (1) Red Lion S.W.A., Logan Co. (JR).  
Northern Oriole 8/28 (1 "Baltimore" race, singing ma.) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR).  
Red Crossbill 8/6-7 (20) Silverthorne (HK).

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Doug Ward (DW).

#### NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NOVEMBER MEETING: Tuesday, November 1, 1983.

ART SHOW: "Colorado Artists Paint Colorado Birds": October 8-22, 1983. White Face  
Bear Gallery, 605 Ogden Street, Denver. The gallery is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,  
Tuesday thru Saturday. Reception on Saturday, Oct. 8, 4 to 9 p.m.

NOTE FROM EDITOR: Sightings reported to the Rare Bird Alert System will not be included  
in the Lark Bunting unless a written report with all necessary information is received  
by the editor.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Richard and Elizabeth Maslow, 5102 W. Union Ave., Denver 80236  
(798-9345).

#### FIELD TRIP SUGGESTIONS

##### PARTICIPANTS:

1. Call leaders beforehand if you plan to go on a trip, especially on those trips  
that generally attract the most people.
2. Be willing to carpool. Suggested shared expenses - \$.10 per mile divided by the  
number of people in the car, including the driver.

##### LEADERS:

1. Be sure drivers know the route to be taken. Provide a map if the trip is a compli-  
cated one. Take initiative in carpooling.
2. Try to arrange for a rest-stop by noon.
3. Try to see that all members of the group see the birds observed.
4. Compile a summary of sightings in the new AOU check-list order, showing total number  
of birds observed for each species; indicate weather conditions, miles covered and  
duration of trip. Send the report to the editor as soon after the trip as possible.

Ruth Wheeler has the schedule of activities for the Boulder Bird Club for  
September through January. If interested, call her at 455-3924



DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1983

OCT.

1-2, Saturday and Sunday. NORTHEAST COLORADO: Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Jumbo Res. Leader: Bill Prather (1-265-2195). Carpool at 7:00 A.M., Sat., Denver Museum of Nat. Hist., north lot. Meet leader at 10:00 A.M. at Tamarack Ranch Hunter's Check Station, north of I-76 on road to Crook (Exit 149 or 150). Hiking on So. Platte. Bring lunch. Afternoon: cover rest of Tamarack. Supper: sandwich makings, soup and salad provided at Prathers. Lodging: Prathers offer 2 folding beds, 2 foam mattresses, lots of room for sleeping bags and a cordial invitation. Also, there are camping facilities at Hunter's Check Station and at Jumbo Res. Motels are located at Sterling (20-30 mi.). Sunday morning: Birding around Fleming or possibly a trip to Holyoke for Prairie Chickens. Noon: Lunch provided at the parsonage. Afternoon: Jumbo Reservoir.

Please register with Bob or Ruth by Sept. 26 for this trip so we can let the Prathers know how many to expect. We can also help with carpooling.

1, Saturday. (Alternate trip). BOULDER/WELD COUNTY LAKES. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at 7:20 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th and Wadsworth. Meet leader at 8:00 A.M. at Lafayette City Park (where U.S. Hwy. 287 jogs west). \*

8, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH PARK. Leader: Susan Trumble (797-3986). Carpool at 7:15 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, Hampden and So. Logan. Meet leader at 8:00 A.M. at Roxborough and Rampart Rds. State requests visitors wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Lunch will be at Chatfield. \*

9, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. \*

15, Saturday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM, DEER CREEK. Leader: Bobby Ausfahl (798-3941). Carpool at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr., Hampden & Sheridan, opposite May D&F. Meet leader at Arboretum entrance at 8:00 A.M. \*

16, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Carpool at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr., Hampden & Sheridan, opposite May D&F. Meet leader at West Entrance at 8:00 A.M. \*

22, Saturday. BEAR CREEK (Plains to Mountains). Leader: Cal Wichern (393-1605). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Ctr., Hampden & Sheridan, at 7:30 A.M. \*

23, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK - MORRISON. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at 1:00 P.M. at Trading Post in Red Rocks. AFTERNOON TRIP.

29, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at West Gate of Park. \*

30, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE-FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:00 A.M. (MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME) at Mortuary Lot on Quebec Street, south of Alameda. 1/2 day trip. Lunch optional.

\* BRING LUNCH.

Submitted by: Field Trip Arrangers  
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NEXT MEETING: November 1, 1983

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SEPTEMBER 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

SEPT. 3, Saturday. Hudson to Rigli Ranch, Rigli Ranch (RI). Leader: Joe Rigli.  
Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Wanda Dudlek, Juv and Bob Fleming, John Leonard, Susan Levin, Shirley and Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Cal Wichern.  
(Clear-partly cloudy-cloudy; 65° to 95° F.; wind N.W. 0-10 mph). 7½ hrs.;  
100 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot (50 species, 1190 individuals).  
5, Monday. Franktown, Castlewood Canyon area (CC). Leader: Bob Spencer.  
Leader for grasses: Herb Jones. Observers: Lori Chappell, Carol Dobi,  
Wanda Dudlek, Virginia Hamm, Bea Jones, Susan Leyin, Don and Jo Shrode,  
Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Fair; 60° to 80° F.; wind light). 7 hrs.;  
40 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (27 species, 171 individuals).

1983 FALL COUNT

Carol Hack, Compiler

SEPT. 10, Saturday:

RED ROCKS (RR). Leader: Dave Martin. Observer: Bob Spencer. (Cloudy,  
and overcast, wind 0-10 mph.) 7 hrs.; 32 mi. (30 species, 765 individuals).



SEPT. 10, Saturday:

LOWER BEAR CREEK (BC). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly cloudy and overcast; 57° to 71° F.; wind 8-15 mph) 7½ hrs.; 32 mi. (40 species, 765 individuals).

CHATFIELD (CHAT). Leaders: Jan and Frank Justice. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Sylvia and Winston Brockner, Wanda Dudek, Virginia Edens, Mel and Vera Gabel, Alan Hay, Kathy Hirst, Don and Lee Johnson, Hugh Kingery, Alan Lavery, Susan Levin, Dick Pratt, Noni Werbe, Martha Zoeteway. (Clear, rain p.m.; 58° to 71° F.; wind 5-10 mph) 8 hrs.; 11 mi. (73 species, 1902 individuals).

WATERTON (WTRN). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Alan Hay, Kathy Hirst, Frank Justice, Alan Lavery, Pat McClearn, Dick Pratt. (Clear, becoming cloudy P.M.; 58° to 71° F.; wind 5-10 mph) 19 mi. (48 species, 383 ind.).

SEPT. 11, Sunday:

BARR LAKE (BARR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Mark Dymerski, Virginia Edens, D. W. King, John Leonard, Rex McGehee, Duane Nelson, Bob Spencer, Judy Ward, Cal Wichern. (Clear, calm, 55° to 80° F.) 11 hrs; 10 mi. (77 species, 3691 individuals).

BARR PERIFERY (BLPY). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Nicki Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear, calm, 60° to 85° F.) 7. hrs. 46½ mi. (61 species, 1470 individuals).

CHERRY CREEK RES. (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Brecken, Ida Clark, Freda Krolik, Hal Rupp. (Sunny, clear, calm; 55° to 83° ) 6 hrs.; 12½ mi. (40 species, 438 individuals).

CASTLEWOOD CANYON (CC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: James and Jennifer Clark. (Clear, warm, sunny; light winds; 54° to 78° F.) 7½ hrs.; 11 mi. (42 species, 233 individuals).

EVERGREEN (EVR). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Sylvia B. Brockner, Barbara Jean Gard, Dieter Kamm, Else Van Erp, Tom Van Erp. (Clear, 40° to 83° F.) 12 hrs.; 33 mi. (71 species, 1121 individuals).

SEPT. 17, Loveland Area: Berthoud Slough, Hummel Res., Horseshoe Lake, Boyd Lake, Nelson Res.; various farm ponds (LOV). Leaders: Camille Cummins and Ann Means. Observers: Martha Chestem, Jeanne Hughes, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Roland Olderogg, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Doug and Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 65° to 85° F.; wind calm w/ light gusts) 8½ hrs.; 72 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot. (63 species, 3809 individuals).

18, Sunday. Windsor Lake, Fairmount Cemetery (FC). Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Ila Clark, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Alan and Dee Hay, Shirley Jagger, Freda Krolik, Mary Robinson, Vito Tursi, Jeanne Ziaghum. (Fair, sunny; 80° F.; wind calm) 6 hrs.; 3 mi. on foot (27 species, 260 ind.).

24, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt (WG). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Virginia Edens, Denise and Melvin Gettel, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, John Leonard, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Don and Eva Turnquist. (50° to 75° F.) 6½ hrs.; 8 mi. by car, 5 mi. on foot. (45 species, 1429 individuals).

24, Saturday. Muir Springs, Jackson Res., Leffler Wildlife Easement, Barr Lake and Latham Res. (North central Colo. (NCC)). Observer: Jerry Cairo. (Partly cloudy; 48° to 83° F.; breeze) 8 hrs.; 200 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (70 species, 2611 individuals).

25, Sunday. Boulder Creek on Campus, ponds east of Boulder, Union Res. (BMD). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Dick Pratt. (Clear, 62° to 78° F.; wind 0-5 mph) 5 hrs.; 60 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (62 species, 3752 individuals).



| OCTOBER SEPT.          | 3   | 5  | 10 | 10 | 10   | 10   | 11   | 11   | 11  | 11 | 11  | 17  | 18 | 24 | 24  | 25   |
|------------------------|-----|----|----|----|------|------|------|------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|------|
| AREA                   | RI  | CC | RR | BC | CHAT | WTRN | BARR | BLPY | CCR | CC | EVR | LOV | FC | WG | NCC | BLD  |
| HABITAT                | Pl  | Ft | Ft | Pl | Pl   | Pl   | Pl   | Pl   | Pl  | Ft | Mt  | P/F | Pl | Pl | Pl  | Pl   |
| Pied-billed Grebe      |     |    |    | 6  | 3    |      | 7    | 16   | 1   |    |     | 29  | 11 | 16 | 3   | 45   |
| Horned Grebe           |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 2   | 3    |
| Eared Grebe            |     |    |    |    |      |      | 1    | 1    |     |    |     | 20  |    |    |     | 15   |
| Western Grebe          |     |    |    |    | 1    |      | 25   | 1    | 1   |    | 1   | 35  |    |    | 57  | 600  |
| American White Pelican |     |    |    |    |      |      | 118  | 47   |     |    |     |     |    |    | 115 | 1    |
| Dbl.-cr. Cormorant     |     |    |    | 1  | 44   |      | 20   | 12   |     |    |     | 1   |    | 2  | 1   |      |
| American Bittern       |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     | 3   |    |    |     |      |
| Great Blue Heron       |     |    |    |    | 9    | 3    | 30   | 5    | 8   |    | 1   | 11  |    |    | 21  | 18   |
| Great Egret            |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     | 1    |
| Snowy Egret            |     |    |    |    |      |      | 9    |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     | 1    |
| Green-backed Heron     |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    | 1  |     |      |
| Bl.-Cr. Night Heron    |     |    |    |    | 2    |      |      | 2    | 2   |    |     |     |    | 4  |     |      |
| Canada Goose           |     |    |    | 12 | 119  | 1    | 125  | 82   | 80  |    |     | 120 | 10 | 6  | 52  | 60   |
| Wood Duck              |     |    |    |    | 6    |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 2   | 1m   |
| Green-winged Teal      |     |    |    | 12 | 1    | 2    | 20   | 4    |     |    |     | 5   |    |    | 38  | 75   |
| Mallard                | 22  | 2  |    | 33 | 110  | 5    | 600  | 58   | 8   | 3  | 81  | 425 | 5  | 28 |     | 35   |
| Northern Pintail       | 7   |    |    |    | 4    |      | 70   | 8    |     |    |     | 5   |    |    |     | 40   |
| Blue-winged Teal       | 20  |    |    |    |      |      | 40   | 4    |     |    | 11  |     |    | 12 |     |      |
| Cinnamon Teal          |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     | 4    |
| Blue-winged Teal sp.   |     |    |    |    | 14   |      |      | 100  |     |    |     | 50  |    |    |     |      |
| Northern Shoveler      | 10  |    |    |    | 6    |      | 40   | 19   |     |    |     | 55  |    | 1  | 20  | 5    |
| Gadwall                |     |    |    |    |      |      |      | 13   |     |    |     | 95  |    | 47 |     | 20   |
| American Wigeon        |     |    |    | 80 | 14   |      | 3    | 22   |     |    |     | 56  | 2  | 29 | 8   | 65   |
| Canvasback             |     |    |    |    |      |      |      | 2    |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Redhead                |     |    |    |    |      |      | 25   |      |     |    |     | 6   | 3  | 2  |     | 45   |
| Ring-necked Duck       |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    | 38 |     | 40   |
| Lesser Scaup           |     |    |    |    |      |      |      | 1    |     |    |     |     |    |    |     | 12   |
| Hooded Merganser       |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     | 2m   |
| Common Merganser       |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     | 3   |    |    |     |      |
| Ruddy Duck             |     |    |    |    | 1    |      | 40   | 15   |     |    |     | 13  |    |    |     | 16   |
| Duck species           |     |    |    |    |      |      |      | 100  |     |    |     | 300 |    |    |     |      |
| Turkey Vulture         |     | 15 |    |    |      |      |      |      | 1   | 14 | 2   | 1   |    |    |     | 4    |
| Osprey                 |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     | 1   |    |    |     | 1    |
| Northern Harrier       | 2   |    |    |    |      |      | 2    |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 3   |      |
| Cooper's Hawk          |     |    |    |    | 1    | 1    |      |      |     | 1  |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Northern Goshawk       |     | 1  |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Accipiter sp.          |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      | 1   |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Swainson's Hawk        | 5   |    |    |    | 1    |      | 300  | 2    |     |    |     | 1   | 3  |    | 4   | 5    |
| Red-tailed Hawk        | 2   | 2  |    | 1  |      | 2    |      |      |     | 1  | 6   | 1   |    | 1  |     |      |
| Buteo species          |     |    |    |    |      |      |      | 1    | 2   |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Ferruginous Hawk       |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 1   |      |
| Golden Eagle           | 1   |    |    |    |      | 1    |      |      |     |    | 4   |     |    |    |     |      |
| American Kestrel       | 2   | 5  |    | 2  | 4    | 11   | 3    | 5    |     | 7  | 1   | 1   | 1  |    | 4   | 5    |
| *Merlin                |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1   |    |    |    |      | 1    |      | 1    |     |    |     |     |    |    | 2   |      |
| Ring-necked Pheasant   | 7   |    |    |    | 2    |      |      |      | 2   |    |     | 1   |    |    | 1   | 5    |
| Northern Bobwhite      |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 1   |      |
| Sora                   |     |    |    | 1  |      |      |      |      |     |    |     | 2   |    |    |     |      |
| American Coot          |     |    |    | 7  | 59   |      | 175  | 175  | 30  | 5  |     | 210 | 6  | 21 | 152 | 1200 |
| Black-bellied Plover   | 1   |    |    |    |      |      |      | 2    |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Semipalmated Plover    |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| Killdeer               | 109 | 5  |    | 15 | 26   | 4    | 200  | 88   | 7   | 3  | 3   | 40  |    | 4  | 72  | 38   |
| Mountain Plover        | 210 |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |      |
| American Avocet        | 13  |    |    |    |      |      | 3    |      |     |    |     | 15  |    |    |     | 3    |
| Greater Yellowlegs     | 5   |    |    |    | 4    |      | 2    | 3    |     |    |     | 7   |    |    | 5   | 1    |

\*No details (ed.)

| OCTOBER                     | 3   | 5  | 10 | 10 | 10   | 10   | 11   | 11   | 11  | 11 | 11   | 17  | 18 | 24 | 24   | 25  |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|----|----|------|------|------|------|-----|----|------|-----|----|----|------|-----|
| AREA                        | RI  | CC | RR | BC | CHAT | WTRN | BARR | BLPY | CCR | CC | EVR  | LOV | FC | WG | NCC  | BLD |
| HABITAT                     | P1  | Ft | Ft | P1 | P1   | P1   | P1   | P1   | P1  | Ft | Mt   | P/F | P1 | P1 | P1   | P1  |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           | 15  |    |    |    | 19   |      | 160  | 18   |     |    |      | 18  |    |    | 4    | 16  |
| Solitary Sandpiper          | 5   |    |    |    | 5    |      | 1    | 2    |     |    |      |     |    |    |      | 2   |
| Spotted Sandpiper           |     |    |    | 1  | 1    | 2    | 2    |      | 1   | 1  |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Long-billed Curlew          |     |    |    |    |      |      | 1    |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Marbled Godwit              |     |    |    |    |      |      | 4    |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Sanderling                  |     |    |    |    |      |      | 5    |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      |     |    |    |    |      |      | 25   |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Western Sandpiper           |     |    |    |    |      |      | 25   |      | 3   |    |      |     |    |    | 1    |     |
| Least Sandpiper             | 3   |    |    |    | 5    |      | 15   |      | 1   |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Baird's Sandpiper           | 4   |    |    |    |      |      | 150  |      | 5   |    |      | 6   |    |    | 42   | 3   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper          |     |    |    |    |      |      | 2    |      |     |    |      |     |    |    | 5    |     |
| Stilt Sandpiper             |     |    |    |    |      |      | 35   |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Sandpiper species           |     |    |    | 2  |      |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher       |     |    |    |    |      |      | 12   |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Common Snipe                |     |    |    | 3  | 8    |      |      | 3    |     |    |      |     |    |    |      | 12  |
| Wilson's Phalarope          |     |    |    |    |      |      | 3    | 20   |     |    |      | 2   |    |    | 1    |     |
| Red-necked Phalarope        |     |    |    |    |      |      |      | 1    |     |    |      | 8   |    |    |      |     |
| Franklin's Gull             |     |    |    |    | 1    |      | 900  | 25   | 2   |    | 1750 |     |    | 82 | 1250 | 300 |
| Bonaparte's Gull            | 7   |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Ring-billed Gull            |     |    |    | 2  | 42   | 1    | 70   | 7    | 36  |    | 1    | 30  | 3  | 13 | 28   | 120 |
| California Gull             |     |    |    | 1  | 3    |      | 6    | 2    | 6   |    |      |     | 25 |    | 1    | 3   |
| gull species                |     |    |    | 15 |      |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Forster's Tern              |     |    |    |    | 4    |      | 1    |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Black Tern                  |     |    |    |    | 2    |      |      | 2    |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Rock Dove                   | 5   | 20 | 55 | 56 |      |      | 30   | 2    | 61  | 12 | 10   | 15  | 2  | 12 | 12   | 15  |
| Mourning Dove               | 160 | 10 | 2  | 16 | 22   |      | 50   | 4    | 3   | 15 | 1    | 10  | 4  | 16 | 9    | 2   |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo        |     |    |    |    | 1    |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Great Horned Owl            | 4   |    |    |    | 1    |      | 2    |      |     |    |      | 1   |    |    |      |     |
| Burrowing Owl               |     |    |    |    | 5    |      |      |      | 3   |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Common Nighthawk            | 2   |    |    |    |      |      |      |      | 1   |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Common Poorwill             |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     | 2  |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| White-throated Swift        |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 2    |     |    |    |      |     |
| * Blue-throated Hummingbird |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 1    |     |    |    |      |     |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird    |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     | 3  | 4    |     |    |    |      |     |
| Belted Kingfisher           |     | 1  | 1  | 2  | 6    | 2    | 3    | 1    | 2   | 1  | 2    | 1   | 1  | 2  | 3    | 2   |
| Lewis' Woodpecker           |     | 1  |    |    |      | 1    |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Red-headed Woodpecker       |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    | 1    |     |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker    |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 2    |     |    |    |      |     |
| Williamson's Sapsucker      |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 2    |     |    |    |      |     |
| Downy Woodpecker            |     |    |    | 1  | 2    | 1    | 4    |      | 1   | 1  |      |     | 1  | 1  | 3    |     |
| eastern races               |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 5    |     |    |    |      |     |
| Northern Flicker            |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| "Red-shafted" race          |     |    | 6  | 15 | 12   | 5    | 7    |      | 3   | 4  | 8    | 3   | 8  | 17 | 8    | 6   |
| Western Wood-Pewee          | 3   |    | 3  |    | 1    | 1    | 1    |      | 3   | 2  | 1    |     | 4  |    |      |     |
| Say's Phoebe                | 2   |    | 1  | 3  |      | 4    |      |      |     | 1  |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Western Kingbird            | 22  |    |    | 5  |      |      | 2    | 3    |     |    |      |     |    |    | 1    |     |
| Eastern Kingbird            | 1   |    |    | 1  |      |      |      |      |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Horned Lark                 | 70  |    |    |    | 2    |      |      | 2    |     | 6  |      |     |    |    | 112  |     |
| Tree Swallow                |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 53   |     |    |    |      |     |
| Violet-green Swallow        |     |    |    |    | 25   |      |      |      |     |    | 120  |     |    |    |      |     |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow    |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 1    |     |    |    |      |     |
| Cliff Swallow               |     |    |    |    | 1    |      |      | 4    |     |    |      |     |    |    |      |     |
| Barn Swallow                | 40  | 17 | 9  | 79 | 272  | 20   | 25   | 135  | 12  | 12 | 130  | 75  | 13 | 75 | 100  | 130 |
| Steller's Jay               |     |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 10   |     |    |    |      |     |

\*"Hovering and feeding on purple flowers in garden. Female. Noted white outer tail feathers at corners of tail. Large size. Slower type of flight." Wm. Brockner

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| AREA                    | RI   | CC | RR  | BC  | CHAT | WTRN | BARR | BLPY | CCR | CC | EVR | LOV | FC | WG | NCC | BLD |   |
| HABITAT                 | P1   | Ft | Ft  | P1  | P1   | P1   | P1   | P1   | P1  | P1 | Ft  | P/F | P1 | P1 | P1  | P1  |   |
| Blue Jay                |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    |     | 3   | 1  | 2  | 5   | 12  | 2 |
| Scrub Jay               |      | 5  | 15  |     |      | 10   |      |      |     | 8  |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 60   | 7  | 37  | 27  | 15   | 4    | 30   | 6    | 6   | 12 | 3   | 7   | 28 | 30 | 21  | 8   |   |
| American Crow           |      | 3  |     |     | 3    | 4    |      | 61   |     | 4  | 6   |     |    |    |     | 6   |   |
| Common Raven            |      |    | 4   |     |      |      |      |      |     | 2  | 4   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Black-capped Chickadee  |      | 1  | 11  | 4   | 1    | 12   | 30   |      | 2   | 6  |     | 5   |    | 7  | 22  | 3   |   |
| Mountain Chickadee      |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    | 28  |     |    | 1  |     |     |   |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   |      | 2  |     |     |      |      |      | 1    |     |    | 16  |     |    |    | 1   |     |   |
| White-breasted Nuthatch |      |    |     |     | 2    |      |      |      |     | 4  | 4   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Pygmy Nuthatch          |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    | 38  |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Rock Wren               |      |    |     |     | 1    |      | 2    |      |     | 1  | 1   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Canyon Wren             | 5    |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     | 3  |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| House Wren              |      |    | 1   |     | 3    | 1    | 7    |      |     | 6  | 3   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| American Dipper         |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    | 1   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    | 2   |     |    |    |     | 1   |   |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   |      |    |     |     |      | 4    |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Mountain Bluebird       |      | 18 |     |     |      | 1    |      |      |     | 8  | 75  |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Townsend's Solitaire    | 1    |    |     |     |      |      | 1    |      |     |    | 2   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| American Robin          | 1    | 2  | 150 | 21  | 140  | 40   | 10   | 1    | 6   | 12 | 40  | 18  | 24 | 9  | 5   | 20  |   |
| Gray Catbird            |      |    |     |     | 1    | 1    |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 1   |     |   |
| Brown Thrasher          |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 2   |     |   |
| Water Pipit             |      |    |     |     |      |      | 5    |      |     |    |     | 2   |    |    |     |     |   |
| Cedar Waxwing           |      |    |     | 4   |      | 2    |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Loggerhead Shrike       | 2    |    |     | 1   |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| European Starling       | 7    |    | 19  | 126 | 370  | 70   | 25   | 55   | 6   | 12 | 15  | 70  | 42 | 50 | 45  | 60  |   |
| Solitary Vireo          |      | 1  |     |     | 1    |      | 2    |      |     | 1  | 1   |     |    | 1  |     |     |   |
| Warbling Vireo          |      |    |     |     |      |      | 4    | 1    |     |    | 2   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Tennessee Warbler       |      |    | 1   |     |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Orange-crowned Warbler  |      |    |     |     |      |      | 2    | 1    |     |    |     |     | 10 | 2  |     |     |   |
| Virginia's Warbler      |      | 1  |     |     |      | 3    | 1    |      |     | 2  |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Yellow Warbler          | 1    |    |     |     |      | 1    | 2    | 1    | 3   |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler  |      |    |     |     |      |      | 1    |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler   |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     | 5   |   |
| "Myrtle" race           |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     | 8   |   |
| "Audubon's" race        |      |    |     |     |      |      | 1    |      |     |    | 56  |     |    | 28 | 3   |     |   |
| American Redstart       |      |    |     |     |      |      | 1    |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Common Yellowthroat     |      |    |     |     |      |      |      | 7    |     |    |     | 3   |    | 1  | 3   |     |   |
| Wilson's Warbler        | 1    |    | 3   |     | 4    | 8    |      | 10   | 4   |    | 5   |     | 3  | 1  | 15  | 5   |   |
| Yellow-breasted Chat    |      |    | 2   |     | 1    | 1    |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Western Tanager         |      |    | 4   |     | 1    | 7    | 1    |      |     | 5  | 2   | 6   |    | 1  | 10  |     |   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak   |      |    |     |     |      | 1    |      |      |     | 3  | 1   |     |    | 1  |     |     |   |
| Lazuli Bunting          |      |    | 1   |     | 3    | 4    |      |      |     | 2  |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Indigo Bunting          |      |    |     |     |      |      | 2    |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Green-tailed Towhee     |      |    | 18  |     | 1    | 2    |      |      |     |    | 2   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Rufous-sided Towhee     |      | 3  | 21  |     | 5    | 22   |      |      |     | 10 | 1   |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Chipping Sparrow        |      | 1  | 1   |     |      |      | 15   | 16   |     | 6  | 20  |     | 2  |    | 5   |     |   |
| Clay-colored Sparrow    |      |    |     | 2   |      | 1    |      | 1    |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Brewer's Sparrow        | 15   |    |     | 3   |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    | 1   |     |   |
| Spizella species        |      |    |     |     |      |      |      | 10   |     |    |     | 11  |    |    |     |     |   |
| Vesper Sparrow          | 3    | 6  | 1   | 2   | 11   | 4    |      |      |     | 8  | 1   | 6   |    |    | 8   |     |   |
| Lark Sparrow            | 7    |    |     |     | 7    |      |      | 3    |     |    |     | 2   |    |    | 7   |     |   |
| Lark Bunting            | 300+ |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |
| Savannah Sparrow        |      |    |     | 4   | 5    |      | 3    | 1    |     | 2  | 1   |     |    |    | 1   | 2   |   |
| Grasshopper Sparrow     | 4    |    |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |    |     |     |   |



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| HABITAT                 | P1 | Ft | Ft | P1 | P1   | P1   | P1   | P1   | P1  | Ft | Mt  | P/F | P1 | P1  | P1  | P1  |
| Song Sparrow            | 1  |    |    |    | 1    |      |      | 10   | 4   |    | 3   | 1   | 1  | 9   |     |     |
| Lincoln's Sparrow       |    |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 11  |     |    | 1   |     |     |
| White-throated Sparrow  |    |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     | 1  |     | 1   |     |
| White-crowned Sparrow   |    |    |    |    |      |      | 1    |      |     |    | 1   |     |    | 2   | 4   | 1   |
| Dark-eyed Junco         |    |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |     | 5   | 1   |
| "Oregon" race           |    |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |     |     |     |
| "Gray-headed" race      |    | 3  |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 5   |     |    |     |     |     |
| Red-winged Blackbird    | 1  |    |    | 58 | 300  | 1    |      | 65   | 96  |    | 5   | 70  |    | 7   | 18  | 150 |
| Western Meadowlark      | 60 | 2  | 3  |    | 21   | 10   | 2    | 12   | 11  | 12 |     | 3   |    |     | 5   | 2   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 8  |    |    |    | 1    |      | 20   | 30   |     |    |     | 40  |    |     | 1   | 400 |
| Brewer's Blackbird      |    |    |    | 2  | 1    |      |      | 10   | 5   |    | 20  | 45  |    | 24  | 200 | 75  |
| Blackbird species       |    |    |    | 10 |      |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |     |     |     |
| Common Grackle          |    |    |    | 25 | 100  |      | 2    | 65   | 1   |    | 5   | 25  | 21 | 800 | 25  | 6   |
| Brown-headed Cowbird    | 6  |    |    |    | 8    |      |      |      |     |    | 3   |     |    |     | 1   | 12  |
| Northern Oriole         |    |    |    |    | 2    |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |    |     |     |     |
| House Finch             |    |    | 5  | 51 | 4    | 15   |      |      |     |    | 4   | 1   | 1  | 14  | 12  | 4   |
| Red Crossbill           |    |    |    |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 13  |     |    |     |     |     |
| Pine Siskin             |    | 2  |    |    |      | 40   |      |      |     | 5  | 118 |     |    | 2   |     | 10  |
| Lesser Goldfinch        |    |    | 1  |    | 2    | 30   |      |      |     | 6  | 38  |     | 7  |     |     |     |
| American Goldfinch      | 1  | 4  |    | 3  | 16   | 4    |      |      | 8   |    | 21  | 3   | 1  | 3   | 20  | 3   |
| Evening Grosbeak        |    |    | 2  |    |      |      |      |      |     |    | 66  |     |    |     |     |     |
| House Sparrow           | 50 |    | 6  | 50 |      | 12   | 90   | 70   |     |    | 11  | 35  |    | 5   | 5   | 8   |
| TOTAL SPECIES: 172      | 50 | 27 | 30 | 40 | 73   | 48   | 77   | 61   | 40  | 42 | 71  | 63  | 27 | 45  | 70  | 62  |

FALL COUNT STATISTICS

|                     |     |                         |        |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|--------|
| 1983 Total Species: | 150 | 1983 Total Individuals: | 10,392 |
| 1982 Total Species: | 141 | 1982 Total Individuals: | 7,390  |
| 1981 Total Species: | 149 | 1981 Total Individuals: | 12,315 |

Abbreviations and Symbols: P, Pl=plains; F, Ft=foothills; Mt=mountains; m, ma=males.

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1983 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 9/27 (1) Prospect Res., Weld Co. (JR)  
 Western Grebe 9/10 (1 ad., 1 imm. "Clark's" race) Barr Lake S.P. (LH,MM,DW).  
 Great Egret 9/27 (1) Union Res. (DJW).  
 White-faced Ibis 9/13 (1 imm.) Barr Lake S.P. (JW), 9/25 (1 imm.) Barr Lake S.P. (JW).  
 Wood Duck 9/10 (2 ma.) Barr Lake S.P. (JR).  
 Canvasback 9/28 (1 ma.) Baseline Res. (JW).  
 Hooded Merganser 9/28 (1 ma.) Baseline Res.; 9/29 (1m, 1f) Baseline Res. (DJW).  
 Cooper's Hawk 9/10 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JR).  
 Wild Turkey 9/17 (5) Mueller Ranch, near Divide (FJJ).  
 Sora 9/17 (3) Ireland Res., Weld Co. (JR).  
 Black-bellied Plover 9/10 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (LH,MM,DW,JR); 9/16 (5) Barr (JC).  
 Semipalmated Plover 9/6 (2) Barr Lake (LH,DJW); 9/10 (5) Barr (LH,MM,DW).  
 Marbled Godwit 9/6 (3) Barr Lake (LH,DJW); 9/10 (4) Barr (LH,MM,DW).  
 Ruddy Turnstone 9/24 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ) (first Chatfield record).  
 Red Knot 9/3 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DN); 9/10 (3 i.) Barr (LH,MM,DW), 9/13 (1 ad.) Barr (JW).  
 Sanderling 9/10 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JR); 9/13 (25) Barr (JW).  
 Dunlin 9/5 (1) Barr (JR); 9/6 (1 i.) Barr (LH,DJW).  
 Pectoral Sandpiper 9/10 (7) Barr (LH,MM,DW); 9/20 (1) pond on 63rd., Boulder Co. (DW),  
 9/20 (2) Barr (JW).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper 9/10 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (LH,MM,DW).  
White-rumped Sandpiper 9/25 (10) Barr (JW).  
Parasitic Jaeger 9/5 (1 i.) Barr Lake S.P. (JR).  
Sabine's Gull 9/24 (2 i.) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).  
Common Tern 9/24 (4) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 9/30 (1) Baseline Res. (DW).  
Band-tailed Pigeon 9/21 (1) Coal Creek Canyon (DN).  
Barn Owl 9/24 (1) Chatfield (FJJ).  
Lewis' Woodpecker 9/5 (1) Waterton (FJJ); 9/17 (1) Tarryall Res. (9500 ft.) "hardly any trees--what there is are stunted pine trees." (KH).  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9/22 (1 ma.) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 9/17 (1) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).  
Brown Thrasher 9/20 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (JW).  
Townsend's Warbler 9/5 (4) Barr Lake S.P. (JR); 9/6 (1m, 1f) Barr (LH,DW).  
Field Sparrow 9/20 (1 ad.) Barr Lake S.P. (JW).  
Northern Oriole 9/15 (1) Barr (JC); 9/16 (1 ma.) Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (DW).

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This year's CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT -- Saturday, December 17 (Paul Rechel 688-6255)

#### DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1983

- NOV. 5-6, Saturday & Sunday (overnight). PUEBLO AREA. Leaders: Dave and Carolyn Griffiths (1-584-3859). Meet Saturday at 8:00 A.M., Ramada Inn lot, east of I-25 on U.S. Hwy. 50 in Pueblo. Sunday starting time and place to be decided by group. Campgrounds, KOA and Pueblo Res.; Super 8 Motel on West U.S. 50 west of I-25 (1-545-4104). \*
- 5, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Doug Ward (666-8985). Meet at Baseline Reservoir (Exit from Hwy. 36 at Baseline Rd., east to Cherry Vale Rd., so. 1/4 mi. to Res.) at 7:45 A.M. Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, W. 38th Ave. and Wadsworth, 7:00 A.M. \*
- 12, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. \*
- 13, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at West Gate of Cherry Creek park at 7:30 A.M. \*
- 19, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Duane Nelson (642-7609). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park. W. 44th Ave. at Robb St. \*
- 20, Sunday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Diane Mullineaux (237-5794). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Sloan's Lake, 25th and Sheridan. \*

NOV. 26, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, s.w. of May-D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. \*

27, Sunday. BEAR CREEK AREA. Leader: Cal Wichern (393-1605). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, S.W. of May-D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. \*

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NEXT MEETING: December 17, 1983

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OCTOBER 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

OCT.

- 1-2, Saturday and Sunday. Northeast Colorado: I-76 to Jumbo Res., Fleming, Red Lion Wildlife Refuge, Pruitt Res. (NECO). Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: Randy Caneva, Travis Caneva (Fleming, Colo.), Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, John Leonard, Inez Prather, John Prather, Art Wainwright, Helen Wainwright, Ruth Wheeler. (17 hrs.; 180 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot) (87 species, 3954 individuals)
- 1, Saturday. Boulder/Weld Cos.: Prince Reservoirs 1 and 2; ponds on No. 119th, Boulder Creek at 30th St., Baseline Res.; pond on 63rd St., Walden Pond; Gaynor and Union Reservoirs (BLD). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Rex McGehee, Roland Olderog, Ethel and Jack Humphries. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; 60° to 72° F.; wind calm). 7½ hrs.; 63 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (61 species, 3239 individuals).
- 8, Saturday. Roxborough Park (ROX). Leaders: Janet Malloy and Ben Moore (Park volunteers). Observers: Susan Allison (Park staff), Irma Appelgren, Henry and Vi Bossman, Virginia Edens, Roland Olderog, Chris Schmidt, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast to clearing; 48° to 60° F.; wind calm to light.). 5½ hrs.; 3 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (24 species, 135 individuals).

- OCT. 9, Sunday. Barr Lake, Prospect Reservoir and vicinity (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Virginia Edens, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Virginia Ham, Don and Lee Johnson, David Laliberte. (Foggy to partly cloudy; 45° to 70° F.; wind calm to 10 mph). 8½ hrs.; 30 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (62 species, 2711 individuals).
- 8-9, Saturday and Sunday. Two Buttes, Cimmaron River, Carrizo-Cottonwood Canyons, La Junta, Rocky Ford, Dye Res., Meredith Lake - Southeast Colo. (SECO). Observers: Jerry Cairo, Larry Halsey, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Overcast, light rain; 40° to 65° F.; southeasterly winds, light and steady). 24 hrs.; 292 mi. by car, 6 mi. on foot. (141 species, 21,443 individuals).
- 15, Saturday. Chatfield Arboratum, Deer Creek Canyon (DC). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Peggy Duffy, Anders Haverson, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, J.J. Nora, Che Prasad, Joe and Norma Shwed, Andrew Tidrick, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny and warm.) 4½ hrs.; 30 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (26 species, 145 ind.)
- 16, Chatfield State Park (CHT). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Gary, Bina & Jason Cooper; Virginia Ham, Alan Hay, Bobby Hohen, Nancy Houlder, David Laliberte, Rex McGehee, Jack Reddall, Joe and Norma Shwed. (Partly cloudy) (50 species, 309 individuals).
- 22, Saturday. Bear Creek (Plains to mountains) (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Ruth Brecken, Virginia Edens, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, D. W. King, Freda Krolik, Thompson Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, 38° to 75° F.; light wind.) 7 hrs.; 22 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (35 species, 309 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. (No report received.)
- 29, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CC). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Ila Clark, Alan Hay, Ed Holub, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Don Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, David Laliberte, Thompson Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode, Mortimer and Rosemary Staatz, Ray Taucher, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly sunny and mild; 32° to 58° F.; wind calm). 6½ hrs.; 12 mi. by car, ½ mi. on foot. (42 species, 508 individuals).
- 29, Saturday. East central Colorado: Cherry Creek Res., Castlewood Canyon S.P., Barr Lake S.P., Prospect Res., Orchard, Jackson Res., Bijou Res., Morgan Co. Rds. U,3,B; Weld Co. Rds. 4 & 73 (ECCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; 37° to 60° F.; wind variable, 0-10 mph). 12 hrs.; 263 mi. by car, 3 mi. on foot. (79 species, 38,502 individuals).
- 30, Sunday. Windsor Lake - Fairmount Cemetery (W-F). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Kathy Bean, Dan Bridges, JoAnn Bushnell, John Leonard, Res McGehee, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Mary Robinson, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shw Vito Tursi. (Sunny; 40° to 60° F.; no wind.) 3 hrs.; 2 mi. on foot. (31 species, 694 individuals).

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| AREA                         | NECO | BLD | ROX | BARR | SECO  | DC | CHT | BC  | CC  | ECCO | W-F |
| HABITAT                      | Plns | Pln | Fth | Plns | Plns  | Ft | Pln | P-M | Pln | Plns |     |
| Common Loon (?)              |      |     |     |      |       |    |     |     | 3   |      |     |
| Pied-billed Grebe            | 2    | 29  | 1   | 1    | 11    |    | 10  | 3   | 12  | 5    | 8   |
| Horned Grebe                 | 4    | 19  |     |      | 2     |    | 1   |     | 2   | 160  |     |
| Eared Grebe                  | 2    | 30  |     | 2    | 8     |    | 1   |     | 20  | 115  |     |
| Western Grebe                | 40   | 460 |     | 40   | 4     |    | 35  |     | 14  | 1300 | 1   |
| "Clark's" race               |      |     |     |      | 25a81 |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| American White Pelican       | 12   | 19  |     |      | 81    |    |     |     | 1   | 13   |     |
| Double-crested Cormorant (?) | 70   |     |     | 12   | 145   |    | 8   | 2   |     | 5    |     |
| Great Blue Heron             | 20   | 17  |     | 2    | 33    |    | 2   | 1   | 5   | 11   |     |

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| HABITAT                    | Plns | Pln | Fth | Plns | Plns   | Ft | Pln | P-M | Pln | Plns   | Pln |
| Great Egret                |      | 2   |     |      | 3      |    | 2   |     |     |        |     |
| Snowy Egret                |      |     |     |      | 12     |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Little Blue Heron          |      |     |     |      | 1a, 1i |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| C. Blue Egret              |      |     |     |      | 64     |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Black-crowned Night Heron  |      |     |     |      | 9      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| White-faced Ibis           |      |     |     |      | 4      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Snow Goose                 |      |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| "White" form               |      |     |     |      | 2      |    |     |     |     | 2a, 2i |     |
| Canada Goose               | 100  | 110 |     | 310  | 1      | 35 | 63  |     | 6   | 1100   | 2   |
| Wood Duck                  | 2    |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Green-winged Teal          | 2    | 70  |     | 1    | 72     |    | 100 | 3   | 4   | 1      |     |
| M. Lard                    | 5    | 292 |     | 500  | 525    |    | 75  | 13  | 15  | 16500  |     |
| Northern Pintail           | 3    |     |     | 2    | 32     |    |     |     |     | 500    |     |
| Blue-winged Teal           | 4    | 1   |     |      |        |    |     |     |     | 1      |     |
| Cinnamon Teal              |      |     |     |      | 1      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| "Blue-winged" Teal species |      | 30  |     |      | 15     |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Northern Shoveler          | 1    |     |     | 10   | 70     |    | 30  |     | 12  | 6100   |     |
| Gadwall                    |      | 42  |     | 1    | 35     |    | 50  |     |     | 2300   |     |
| American Wigeon            | 300  | 410 |     | 5    | 670    |    | 15  |     | 1   | 500    |     |
| Canvasback                 |      |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     | 40     |     |
| Redhead                    | 5    | 35  |     |      | 400    |    | 1   |     | 2   | 250    |     |
| Ring-necked Duck           | 2    | 45  | 9   |      |        |    |     |     |     | 1m, 8f |     |
| Lesser Scaup               |      |     |     |      |        |    |     |     | 24  | 350    |     |
| Surf Scoter                |      |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     | 4      |     |
| Bufflehead                 |      | 1   |     |      |        |    | 50  |     | 3   | 30     |     |
| Red-breasted Merganser     |      |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     | 1fe    |     |
| Ruddy Duck                 | 40   | 1fe | 2   | 25   | 30     |    | 12  |     | 37  | 250    |     |
| Turkey Vulture             | 6    |     |     |      | 4      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Osprey                     |      |     |     |      | 1      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Northern Harrier           | 5    |     | 1   | 1m1f | 5m24f  |    | 1   | 2   | 3   | 1m1f   |     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk         | 1    |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Cooper's Hawk              |      |     |     |      | 2      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Accipiter species          |      |     |     |      | 1      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Broad-winged Hawk          |      |     |     |      | 1      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Swainson's Hawk            | 6    | 2   | 2   |      | 170    |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Red-tailed Hawk            | 3    |     |     |      |        | 3  |     |     | 1   |        |     |
| "Western" races            |      | 3   |     | 3    | 9      |    |     | 4   |     | 4ad    |     |
| "Harlan's" race            |      |     |     |      |        |    |     | 2   |     |        |     |
| rerruginous Hawk           |      |     |     | 1    | 5      |    |     |     |     | 3a1i   |     |
| Rough-legged Hawk          |      |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     | 5      |     |
| Buteo species              |      |     | 1   |      |        |    |     | 2   |     |        |     |
| Golden Eagle               | 1    |     |     |      | 2a1i   |    |     |     |     | 10     |     |
| American Kestrel           | 4    | 10  | 1   | 4    | 35     |    | 2   | 3   |     | 5      |     |
| Prairie Falcon             |      |     |     | 2    | 6      |    |     |     |     | 3      |     |
| Ping-necked Pheasant       | 3    |     |     | 11   | 24     |    | 2   |     | 2   | 2m6f   |     |
| ld Turkey                  |      |     |     |      | 6      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Northern Bobwhite          |      |     |     |      | 15     |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Scaled Quail               |      |     |     |      | 3      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Sora                       |      |     |     |      | 3-H    |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| American Coot              | 30   | 830 |     | 20   | 9200   |    | 300 |     | 2   | 150    |     |
| Sandhill Crane             |      |     |     | 650  | 220    |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Black-bellied Plover       | 8    |     |     |      | 7      |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Semipalmated Plover        | 2    |     |     |      |        |    |     |     |     |        |     |
| Killdeer                   | 15   | 57  |     | 50   | 10     |    | 7   | 1   | 6   | 12     |     |



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| HABITAT                  | Plns | Pln | Fth | Plns | Plns | Ft | Pln | P-M | Pln | Plns | Pln |
| Mountain Plover          |      |     |     |      | 45   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| American Avocet          |      | 4   |     |      | 47   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Greater Yellowlegs       | 4    | 1   |     |      | 11   |    |     |     | 1   |      |     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs        | 2    | 12  |     | 25   | 17   |    | 1   |     | 1   |      |     |
| Solitary Sandpiper       |      | 5   |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Willet                   |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Spotted Sandpiper        | 1    | 1   |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Sanderling               | 1    |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Western Sandpiper        |      |     |     | 2    |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Least Sandpiper          |      | 2   |     | 6    |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Baird's Sandpiper        | 40   | 1   |     | 50   |      |    |     |     |     | 1    |     |
| Pectoral Sandpiper       |      |     |     | 8    | 4    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Dunlin                   |      |     |     |      | 3    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Stilt Sandpiper          |      |     |     | 20   |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher    |      |     |     |      | 930  |    | 12  |     | 2   |      |     |
| Common Snipe             |      | 10  |     | 6    | 2    |    |     |     | 4   | 9    |     |
| Wilson's Phalarope       |      | 4   |     |      | 3    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Red Phalarope            | 1    |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Franklin's Gull          | 300  | 100 |     | 200  | 4875 |    |     | 3   | 75  | 1500 |     |
| Bonaparte's Gull         |      |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     | 2all |     |
| Ring-billed Gull         | 75   | 70  |     | 40   | 20   |    | 30  | 2   | 150 | 800  | 26  |
| California Gull          |      | 2   |     |      | 4    |    | 5   |     | 12  | 10   |     |
| Herring Gull             |      |     |     | 1    |      |    |     |     |     | 1im  |     |
| Common Tern              |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Forster's Tern           | 6    | 2   |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Black Tern               | 2    |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Rock Dove                | 10   | 22  | 4   | 4    | 30   | 1  |     | 4   |     | 60   | 158 |
| Mourning Dove            | 6    | 5   | 4   | 3    | 100  | 1  |     |     | 2   |      |     |
| Greater Roadrunner       |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Common Barn-Owl          |      |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Great Horned Owl         | 1-H  |     |     | 1    | 2    | 2  |     | 1   |     | 3ad  |     |
| Burrowing Owl            | 4    |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Common Poorwill          |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Chimney Swift            |      |     |     |      | 8    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Belted Kingfisher        | 2    | 2   |     | 1    | 6    |    | 2   | 4   |     | 1    | 1   |
| Lewis' Woodpecker        |      | 3   |     |      | 18   |    |     |     |     | 3    |     |
| Red-headed Woodpecker    | 2    |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 1    |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Downy Woodpecker         | 6    | 1   |     |      | 7    |    | 1   | 3   | 1   | 3    |     |
| "Batchelder's" race      |      |     |     | 6    |      |    |     |     |     |      | 1   |
| eastern races            |      |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      | 5   |
| Hairy Woodpecker         |      |     | 1   |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Northern Flicker         | 50   |     |     |      | 2    |    | 6   |     |     |      |     |
| "Yellow-shafted" race    | 2    |     |     | 1    | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| "Red-shafted" race       | 2    | 7   | 8   | 5    | 16   | 3  |     | 29  | 4   | 8    | 3   |
| Say's Phoebe             |      |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Western Kingbird         | 1    |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Eastern Kingbird         | 1    |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Horned Lark              |      |     |     | 10   | 350  |    | 20  |     |     | 900  |     |
| Barn Swallow             | 500  | 18  |     | 120  | 70   |    | 1   |     |     |      |     |
| Steller's Jay            |      |     | 2   |      |      |    |     |     |     | 3    |     |
| Blue Jay                 | 10   | 2   |     | 1-H  | 1    | 3  | 1-H | 1   |     | 3    |     |
| Scrub Jay                |      |     | 7   |      | 2    | 7  |     |     |     | 5    |     |
| Black-billed Magpie      | 1    | 10  | 4   | 10   | 100  | 9  | 15  | 33  | 12  | 50   | 38  |
| American Crow            | 10   | 8   |     |      | 22   | 1  | 9   |     |     | 13   |     |

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| HABITAT                      | Plns | Pln | Fth | Plns | Plns | Ft | Pln | P-M | Pln | Plns | Pln |
| Chihuahuan Raven             |      |     |     |      | 4    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Common Raven                 |      |     | 2   |      | 3    |    |     |     |     | 2    |     |
| Black-capped Chickadee       | 15   | 3   | 10  | 8    | 8    | 10 | 5   | 24  |     | 15   | 15  |
| Mountain Chickadee           |      |     |     |      |      |    |     | 1   |     | 20   | 10  |
| Bushtit                      |      |     |     |      | 20   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch        |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     | 7    |     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch      | 3    |     |     |      |      |    | 1   |     |     | 2    | 1   |
| Pygmy Nuthatch               |      |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     | 1    |     |
| Brown Creeper                |      |     |     |      |      |    |     | 6   |     | 2    | 7   |
| Rock Wren                    |      |     |     |      | 6    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Canyon Wren                  |      |     |     |      | 2    | 1  |     |     |     | 2-H  |     |
| Black's Wren                 |      |     |     |      | 4    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| House Wren                   | 5    |     |     | 1    | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Marsh Wren                   |      |     |     |      | 5    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| American Dipper              |      |     |     |      |      |    |     | 2   |     |      |     |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet       |      |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      | 4   |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet         | 2    |     |     | 1    | 32   |    |     | 1   |     |      |     |
| Mountain Bluebird            |      |     |     |      | 15   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Townsend's Solitaire         | 1    |     | 7   |      | 14   | 6  |     |     |     | 21   | 1   |
| Swainson's Thrush            |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Hermit Thrush                |      |     |     |      | 5    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| American Robin               | 40   | 9   | 41  |      | 30   | 12 | 10  | 5   |     | 20   | 58  |
| Gray Catbird                 | 1    |     |     |      | 3    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Curve-billed Thrasher        |      |     |     |      | 5    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Water Pipit                  | 20   |     |     | 30   | 17   |    | 3   |     | 2   | 3    |     |
| Cedar Waxwing                |      |     | 3   |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Loggerhead Shrike            |      |     |     |      | 6    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| European Starling            | 6    | 90  | 3   | 50   | 550  | 14 | 50  | 44  | 28  | 2000 | 75  |
| Solitary Vireo               |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | 4    |     |     |      | 24   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Nashville Warbler            | 1    |     |     |      | 6    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Yellow Warbler               |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler  |      |     |     |      | 3    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler        | 30   |     |     |      |      | 8  |     |     |     |      |     |
| "Myrtle" race                |      |     |     | 1    |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| "Audubon's" race             |      | 4   |     | 19   | 30   |    | 4   |     |     |      |     |
| Black-throated Green Warbler |      |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| American Redstart            |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Common Yellowthroat          |      |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Wilson's Warbler             |      |     |     |      | 5    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Western Tanager              |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Blue Grosbeak                |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Green-tailed Towhee          |      |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Rufous-sided Towhee          | 4    |     | 7   |      | 13   | 3  | 2   |     |     | 10   | 1   |
| Brown Towhee                 |      |     |     |      | 43   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| American Tree Sparrow        |      |     |     |      | 1    |    |     | 8   | 10  | 35   | 8   |
| Chipping Sparrow             | 20   |     | 7   | 6    | 80   | 2  |     |     |     |      |     |
| Clay-colored Sparrow         | 13   |     |     |      | 5    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Brewer's Sparrow             |      |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Field Sparrow                |      |     |     |      | 5    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Spizella species             |      | 4   |     |      | 105  |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Vesper Sparrow               | 20   |     |     |      | 25   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Lark Sparrow                 | 2    |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Lark Bunting                 |      |     |     |      | 65   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Savannah Sparrow             |      |     |     | 5    |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |

| OCTOBER                 | 1-2  | 1   | 8   | 9    | 8-9  | 15 | 16  | 22  | 29  | 29   | 30  |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| AREA                    | NECO | BLD | ROX | BARR | SECO | DC | CHT | BC  | CC  | ECCO | W-F |
| HABITAT                 | Plns | Pln | Fth | Plns | Plns | Ft | Pln | P-M | Pln | Plns | Pln |
| Grasshopper Sparrow     | 10   |     |     |      | 1-X  |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Song Sparrow            | 1    | 1   |     | 5    | 10   | 2  | 3   | 7   | 6   | 2    | 3   |
| Lincoln's Sparrow       | 4    |     |     | 1    | 14   |    |     |     | 1   |      |     |
| Swamp Sparrow           |      |     |     | 1    |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| White-throated Sparrow  | 1    |     |     |      | 2    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| White-crowned Sparrow   | 70   | 11  | 4   | 15   | 160  | 2  | 20  | 8   | 2   | 35   | 33  |
| Harris' Sparrow         | 1    |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Dark-eyed Junco         |      |     | 2   |      |      |    | 6   |     |     |      |     |
| "Slate-colored" race    |      |     |     | 1    | 1    | 1  |     |     |     | 1    |     |
| "Oregon" race           | 30   |     |     | 9    | 30   | 5  |     | 1   | 1   | 25   | 32  |
| "Gray-headed" race      | 2    |     | 1   |      | 2    | 6  |     |     |     | 2    |     |
| McCown's Longspur       |      |     |     |      | 150  |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Lapland Longspur        |      |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     | 17   |     |
| Longspur species        |      |     |     |      | 850  |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Red-winged Blackbird    | 1500 | 70  |     | 300  | 45   |    | 200 | 7   | 12  | 2500 | 2   |
| Western Meadowlark      | 50   | 18  | 1   | 15   | 135  | 5  | 20  |     | 3   | 65   | 6   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 100  | 6   |     |      | 3    |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| Brewer's Blackbird      |      | 110 |     |      | 15   |    | 40  |     |     | 200  |     |
| Common Grackle          | 30   | 11  |     | 4    |      |    |     | 58  |     | 15   |     |
| Brown-headed Cowbird    |      |     |     |      | 27   |    |     |     |     |      |     |
| House Finch             |      | 18  |     | 5    | 10   |    | 5   | 7   |     | 3    | 40  |
| Pine Siskin             | 100  | 3   |     | 1-H  | 15   | 1  | 1   |     |     | 18   | 3   |
| American Goldfinch      | 30   | 6   |     | 12   | 45   |    | 1   | 13  | 4   | 1    |     |
| Evening Grosbeak        |      |     |     |      |      |    |     |     |     |      | 75  |
| House Sparrow           | 100  | 55  |     | 10   | 50   | 2  |     | 1   |     | 350  | 30  |
| TOTAL SPECIES: 180      | 87   | 61  | 24  | 62   | 141  | 26 | 50  | 35  | 42  | 79   | 31  |

ABBREVIATIONS and SYMBOLS: P,Pl,Pln = plains; Ft,Fth = foot-hills; M = mountains; f,fe = female; m,ma = male; i,imm = immature; H = heard only; X = found dead.

#### ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1983 REPORTS:

Snow Goose 10/28 (2 imm., "white" form) Denver City Park (AH).  
 Canvasback 10/13 (3 ma., 2 fe.) Barr Lake State Park (AH).  
 Barrow's Goldeneye 10/27 (1 ma., 1 fe.) Chatfield State Park (BF). (Early).  
 Cooper's Hawk 10/1 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK); 10/21 (1 imm.) Gregory Canyon, Boulder Co. (JW).  
 Swainson's Hawk 10/8 (1) intersection of Morgan Co. Rds. 3 and 6 (JR).  
 Rough-legged Hawk 10/23 (1) Hereford, Weld Co. (JR).  
 American Avocet 10/30 (3) Union Res., Weld Co. (DJW).  
 Sanderling 10/8 (3) Prewitt Res. (JR).  
 Parasitic Jaeger 10/14-15 (1 imm.) Union Res., Weld Co. (LH,DJW). (Report submitted.)  
 Herring Gull 10/28 (2 imm.) Denver City Park (AH).  
 Monk Parakeet (1 all month) 9th and Milwaukee (HK).  
 Chimney Swift 10/9 (7) flying over DCPA, Denver (JR); 10/9 (6) 9th and Milwaukee, Denver (HK).  
 Williamson's Sapsucker 10/15 (3) Genesee Park (HK).  
 Barn Swallow 10/13 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (AH); 10/30 (1) Valmont Res., Boulder Co. (JW).  
 Eastern Bluebird 10/8 (5) Bijou Res., Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Swainson's Thrush 10/13 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (AH).  
 Hermit Thrush 10/6 (1-banded) Aurora (MS); 10/8 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JR).  
 Gray Catbird 10/8 (1) Muir Springs (JR); 10/17 (1-banded) Aurora (MS).  
 Brown Thrasher 10/23 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (JR).



Cedar Waxwing 10/22 (15) Bear Creek at Morrison (HK); 10/23 (1 imm.) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (JR).  
Warbling Vireo 10/8 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (HK).  
Red-eyed Vireo 10/6 (1-banded) Aurora (MS).  
Townsend's Warbler 10/21 (1 ma.) Gregory Canyon, Boulder Co. (JW).  
Black-throated Green Warbler 10/17 (1-banded) Aurora (#146 for yard list) (MS).  
Western Tanager 10/5-6 (1 ma.) N.W. Arvada (AH).  
White-throated Sparrow 10/13 (2) Barr Lake S.P. (AH).  
BRAMBLING 10/30 - 11/4 (?) (1 - 1st year male) Colorado Springs, Colo. (EMC, m.ob.)  
(First State Record). (Very probably not an escaped caged bird). We wish to express our appreciation to the Currys for their kind hospitality in allowing us the use of their home for observation and also for spotting it in the first place.

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#### NOTICES AND REMINDERS

LOGAN, UTAH will conduct a "model" Christmas Bird Count and invites D.F.O. members to participate. A model count involves additional data to enhance the scientific basis for the Christmas Bird Count; last year six counts qualified for "model count" status. Count date is MONDAY, DECEMBER 19. (As a bonus the Bear River Refuge Count is Dec. 20.) Contact Mike Tove, 132 West 730 North, Logan, Utah 84321 (801-753-0281).

FOR SALE: 2 volume set of Birds of Colorado (now out of print). Like new. \$75.00. Call Lois or Chet Parker (985-8255).

DUES for the coming year are now payable. Please use the attached form and renew your membership as promptly as possible.

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#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Bill Gillespie, 2007 Ridgewood Rd., Fort Collins, Colorado 80526 (482-3177)  
David LaLiberte, 6570 E. Mississippi #7, Denver, Colorado 80224 (757-4392)  
Terri Sherman, 626 South Clarkson St., Denver, Colorado 80209 (733-6861)

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#### DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1983

- DEC. 3, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Roland Oldero (429-1024). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan.\*
- 4, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the West Gate. \*
- 10, Saturday. PRECOUNT SCOUTING TRIPS for Christmas Bird Count. Call leader in area in which you are interested for details.
- 10, Saturday. Lower So. Platte. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at So. Fed. and Belleview, west side of King Soopers. (For count on the 17th meet at same place at 7:15 A.M.)
- 11, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. \*

\*Bring lunch.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1983

COUNT LEADER: Paul Rechel (688-6255)

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Ctr.

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809) and Jack Reddall (771-5308).

Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to count in his or her area or call the Count Leader if you would like to help count in an area which needs more counters. Area Leaders please contact the Count Leader before the Count to indicate how many you have in your area.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PLEASE NOTE: To be a participant in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, one must pay a fee of \$2.00. All observers taking part in the Count must be accounted for and their fees paid as directed by the National Audubon Society. This is used to help defray the cost of publishing the 500 page American Birds Christmas Count Edition in July. TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF THE FEE AND GIVEN THE OPTION OF PAYING OR NOT TAKING PART.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers.

| <u>AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION</u>             | <u>LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Red Rocks Park . . . . .                 | Bill Brockner 674-4851             |
| 2. Lower Bear Creek . . . . .               | Bob Spencer 279-4682               |
| 2a. Bear Creek Reservoir . . . . .          | Kathy Hawkins 757-0809             |
| 3. BowMar . . . . .                         | Drew Grainger 355-8581             |
| 4a. Lower South Platte . . . . .            | Ruth Wheeler 455-3924              |
| 4b. Lower South Platte . . . . .            | Dick Pratt 795-8497                |
| 5. Highline Ditch . . . . .                 | Doug Ward 666-8985                 |
| 6. Plum Creek . . . . .                     | Fred Hager 238-5582                |
| 7a. Middle South Platte . . . . .           | Dave Hutchinson 936-3466 (work)    |
| 7b. Middle South Platte . . . . .           | Hugh Kingery 333-0161              |
| 8. Chatfield Reservoir . . . . .            | Frank and Jan Justice 936-4547     |
| 9. Upper South Platte . . . . .             | Jerome Besser 985-4816             |
| 10. Lower Deer Creek Canyon . . . . .       | Lynn Willcockson 757-7000          |
| 11. Upper Deer Creek . . . . .              | Tim Schowalter 279-4478            |
| 12. Yegge Peak . . . . .                    | John Leonard 322-4650              |
| 13. Doublehead Mountain . . . . .           | Bob Richter 337-6434               |
| 14. North Turkey Creek . . . . .            | Warren Finch 233-3372              |
| 15a. Indian Hills . . . . .                 | Duane Nelson 642-7609              |
| 15b. Indian Hills . . . . .                 | Dick Schottler 985-0579            |
| 16. Upper Bear Creek . . . . .              | Cal Wichern 693-3718               |
| 17. Ken-Caryl Ranch . . . . .               | Alan Hay 422-0239                  |
| 18. Garrison Gate . . . . .                 | Paul Rechel 688-6255               |
| 19. Morrison-Willow Brook Estates . . . . . | Carol Hack 777-7893                |
| 20. Willow Creek . . . . .                  | Philip Hayes 232-7421              |
| 21. Mount Lindo to Willow Sprgs. . . . .    | Walter Bull 751-1032               |

AREA CHRISTMAS COUNTS

- DEC. 18, Sunday. BOULDER. Call Freeman Hall (444-1453) for details.  
 18, Sunday. EVERGREEN. Call Bill Brockner (674-4851) for details.  
 31, Saturday. BONNY RESERVOIR. Call Paul Julian (499-9107) for details.  
 31, Saturday. DOUGLAS COUNTY. Call Carol Jones (797-3986: work) (798-2332: home) or Susan Trumble (797-3986: work) (973-8622: home). Compilation will be at 3:00 P.M. at State Park Metro regional office, 13787 So. Hwy. 85 (Santa Fe and County Line Rd.) with cider and goodies.

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

EIGHTY-FOURTH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

DECEMBER 17, 1983

(Submitted by Jack Reddall, President)

On Saturday, December 17, 1983, the Denver Field Ornithologists again will participate in the Annual Christmas Bird Count sponsored by the National Audubon Society. This will be the 84th such count which was originated in 1900 at the suggestion of Frank M. Chapman as a substitute for the then popular "Christmas Hunt", the object of which was the useless killing of as many birds as possible. Since 1900 the count has increased in number to 1453 in 1982 (190 from Canada, 1241 from the United States, 13 from Middle America, 8 from the West Indies and one from South America), and from but 27 persons in 1900 to 36,426 participants in 1982 including some 2880 feeder watchers. A grand total of 603 species were reported from the United States and Canada in 1982.

The Denver Count is conducted by the Denver Field Ornithologists with the 1983 count marking the 30th consecutive year that it has been held within the same 15 mile diameter circle. It was in the fall of 1954 that the Colorado Bird Club (the forerunner of the Denver Field Ornithologists) established the parameters of the present count area at the urging of John Chapin. The decision was announced in the November 1954 newsletter (Volume 2, Number 3) of Colorado Bird Notes, the Bulletin of the Colorado Bird Club, as follows:

"This year the Club plans to participate in the 55th Christmas Count conducted by the National Audubon Society, with counts in two circular areas 15 miles in diameter. One area, the 'Denver' or 'low-altitude', will include plains and foothill country between the elevations of approximately 5300 and 8000 feet. The other, the 'Idaho Springs' or 'high-altitude' count, includes higher mountains between 7500 and 14000 feet elevations (relocated and renamed the 'Evergreen-Idaho Springs Count' in 1969).

Because of recent and impending destruction of some of the good birding territory in the northern part of the Denver area, and in order to include considerable river bottom land with a high birding potential, the center of the Denver area is being moved south about seven miles from its location of the past three years. This move will exclude Genesee Mountain, Clear Creek and Sloan's Lake, but will gain several miles of the South Platte River, Deer Creek and a large area south of Tiny Town".

The center of the count circle, then, was pinpointed in Jefferson County just north of the Ken Caryl Ranch entrance at the break in the Hogback about 10 miles southwest of the State Capitol Building.

In 1954, the count circle was divided up into nine sections. Today that same count circle is divided into 25 sections which unquestionably provides for more thorough coverage and greater numbers of species and individuals. The leaders assigned to the nine sections in 1954 were as follows (by section):

1. Donald Thatcher
2. Sadie Morrison
3. John and Margaret Douglass
4. Ruth Wheeler
5. John Flavin, Harold Webster
6. John Chapin, Alma & William Foerster
7. Ruth and Ted DeMent



8. Thompson Marsh

9. Ferd Kleinschnitz, Jim Humphrey

Observers in 1954 were: Mrs. A. H. Crow, Lawrence Crowley, David DeMent, Gerald DeMent, Leo Galloway, Robert Glover, David Juergens, Alma Kirkely, Leonard Licht, Alice Marsh, Lucy Marsh, Mary Marsh, Vera Mathews, Edwin D. McKee, Phyllis McRae, Ray Olson, Olney Smith, Ranson Stone.

It is noteworthy to point out that two individuals who participated in the original count in 1954 established "personal records" as it were - Sadie (Morrison, who participated in the most counts with 25 (22 straight before missing in 1976), and Don Thatcher, who chalked up a string of most consecutive counts with 24 before "retiring" after the 1977 count. Sadie moved to Aurora, Nebraska in the middle of 1980 where she died on May 8, 1981. Don Thatcher passed away in Denver on January 13, 1980. These two individuals without question played vital roles in helping to make the Denver Christmas Count an enjoyable, annual affair for all of us who call ourselves "Bird-Watchers".

In 1954, a total of 80 species were found accounting for about 11,586 individuals. Through the first 29 years, 162 species have been recorded on the Denver Christmas Count based upon the A.O.U. Check-List of North American Birds-Sixth Edition, 1983 (or 169 species if you're still keeping score using the 1957, Fifth Edition). The highest single count for numbers of species recorded was 113 in 1977 with the lowest being in 1959 when only 73 species were found. Because of "lumping" of several common wintering species (Juncos, Rosy Finches, etc.), it will be a difficult task now to reach or surpass the record high of 113 species recorded on the 1977 Count. The most individuals ever counted since 1954 was in 1981 when we accounted for 33,304.

A summary of the first 29 counts is depicted below:

| YEAR | NUMBER OF SPECIES | NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS | NEW SPECIES ADDED* | YEAR | NUMBER OF SPECIES | NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS | NEW SPECIES ADDED* |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1954 | 80                | 11586                 | 76                 | 1969 | 92                | 12658                 | 1                  |
| 1955 | 83                | 10263                 | 18                 | 1970 | 100               | 14518                 | 3                  |
| 1956 | 86                | 5732                  | 6                  | 1971 | 104               | 16162                 | 3                  |
| 1957 | 84                | 9409                  | 6                  | 1972 | 95                | 17073                 | 2                  |
| 1958 | 79                | 8341                  | 3                  | 1973 | 107               | 23808                 | 4                  |
| 1959 | 73                | 5806                  | 3                  | 1974 | 107               | 20573                 | 5                  |
| 1960 | 74                | 5437                  | 2                  | 1975 | 106               | 20693                 | 3                  |
| 1961 | 78                | 4027                  | 6                  | 1976 | 106               | 24747                 | 1                  |
| 1962 | 80                | 8277                  | 3                  | 1977 | 113               | 29543                 | 3                  |
| 1963 | 79                | 6278                  | 0                  | 1978 | 102               | 16937                 | 2                  |
| 1964 | 79                | 8154                  | 1                  | 1979 | 98                | 26795                 | 1                  |
| 1965 | 90                | 10948                 | 0                  | 1980 | 101               | 21811                 | 0                  |
| 1966 | 86                | 8164                  | 1                  | 1981 | 110               | 33304                 | 2                  |
| 1967 | 92                | 13022                 | 2                  | 1982 | 103               | 27607                 | 2                  |
| 1968 | 93                | 13550                 | 3                  | 1983 | 92                | (22264)               | 1                  |

\*Based upon 6th Edition, A.O.U. CHECK-LIST, 1983

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

| SPECIES (6th A.O.U. CHECK-LIST) | ADDED TO COUNT | NUMBER OF YEARS RECORDED | MAXIMUM NUMBER COUNTED |                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                                 |                |                          | NUMBER                 | YEAR(S)             |
| 1. Red-throated Loon            | 1956           | 4                        | 1                      | 1956, '73, '77, '82 |
| 2. Arctic Loon                  | 1981           | 2                        | 3                      | 1981                |
| 3. Common Loon                  | 1970           | 6                        | 5                      | 1980                |
| 4. Yellow-billed Loon           | 1981           | 2                        | 2                      | 1982                |
| 5. Pied-billed Grebe            | 1954           | 18                       | 92                     | 1965                |

| SPECIES (6th A.O.U. CHECK-LIST) | ADDED<br>TO<br>COUNT | NUMBER<br>OF YEARS<br>RECORDED | MAXIMUM NUMBER COUNTED |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                                 |                      |                                | NUMBER                 | YEAR(S)              |
| 6. Horned Grebe                 | 1956                 | 7                              | 4                      | 1965                 |
| 7. Eared Grebe                  | 1974                 | 3                              | 6                      | 1981                 |
| 8. Western Grebe                | 1958                 | 8                              | 7                      | 1982                 |
| 9. Double-crested Cormorant     | 1976                 | 5                              | 4                      | 1981                 |
| 10. Great Blue Heron            | 1954                 | 24                             | 61                     | 1977                 |
| 11. Tundra Swan                 | 1954                 | 7                              | 9                      | 1957                 |
| Mute Swan (Not feral in Colo.)  |                      | 8                              | 8                      | 1968-counted 8 years |
| 12. Greater White-fronted Goose | 1964                 | 7                              | 11                     | 1973                 |
| 13. Snow Goose                  | 1958                 | 10                             | 8                      | 1981                 |
| 14. Ross' Goose                 | 1977                 | 2                              | 6                      | 1982                 |
| 15. Canada Goose                | 1954                 | 29                             | 9970                   | 1982                 |
| 16. Wood Duck                   | 1954                 | 24                             | 33                     | 1967                 |
| 17. Green-winged Teal           | 1954                 | 29                             | 151                    | 1975                 |
| 18. American Black Duck         | 1968                 | 2                              | 1                      | 1968, '69            |
| 19. Mallard                     | 1954                 | 29                             | 2928                   | 1967                 |
| 20. Northern Pintail            | 1954                 | 29                             | 180                    | 1974                 |
| 21. Blue-winged Teal            | 1974                 | 2                              | 2                      | 1977                 |
| 22. Northern Shoveler           | 1954                 | 25                             | 70                     | 1977                 |
| 23. Gadwall                     | 1954                 | 29                             | 206                    | 1957                 |
| 24. American Wigeon             | 1954                 | 29                             | 603                    | 1981                 |
| 25. Canvasback                  | 1954                 | 20                             | 53                     | 1966                 |
| 26. Redhead                     | 1954                 | 27                             | 199                    | 1957                 |
| 27. Ring-necked Duck            | 1954                 | 27                             | 236                    | 1968                 |
| 28. Greater Scaup               | 1967                 | 7                              | 6                      | 1968, '77            |
| 29. Lesser Scaup                | 1954                 | 25                             | 47                     | 1965                 |
| 30. Oldsquaw                    | 1970                 | 4                              | 5                      | 1980                 |
| 31. Surf Scoter                 | 1962                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1962                 |
| 32. White-winged Scoter         | 1973                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1973                 |
| 33. Common Goldeneye            | 1954                 | 29                             | 192                    | 1977                 |
| 34. Barrow's Goldeneye          | 1973                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1973                 |
| 35. Bufflehead                  | 1954                 | 24                             | 69                     | 1981                 |
| 36. Hooded Merganser            | 1955                 | 25                             | 31                     | 1981                 |
| 37. Common Merganser            | 1954                 | 29                             | 3000                   | 1954                 |
| 38. Red-breasted Merganser      | 1954                 | 10                             | 9                      | 1982                 |
| 39. Ruddy Duck                  | 1954                 | 19                             | 20                     | 1962                 |
| 40. Bald Eagle                  | 1955                 | 10                             | 2                      | 1975, '76, '79, '82  |
| 41. Northern Harrier            | 1955                 | 28                             | 32                     | 1980                 |
| 42. Sharp-shinned Hawk          | 1955                 | 21                             | 7                      | 1976                 |
| 43. Cooper's Hawk               | 1956                 | 21                             | 4                      | 1959, '63            |
| 44. Northern Goshawk            | 1955                 | 14                             | 4                      | 1973, '82            |
| 45. Red-tailed Hawk             | 1954                 | 29                             | 46                     | 1981                 |
| "Western" race                  | 1954                 | 29                             | 34                     | 1981                 |
| "Harlan's" race                 | 1962                 | 18                             | 12                     | 1981                 |
| 46. Ferruginous Hawk            | 1961                 | 12                             | 3                      | 1974, '80, '81, '82  |
| 47. Rough-legged Hawk           | 1955                 | 28                             | 23                     | 1970                 |
| 48. Golden Eagle                | 1954                 | 26                             | 13                     | 1974, '79            |
| 49. American Kestrel            | 1954                 | 29                             | 64                     | 1981                 |
| 50. Merlin                      | 1956                 | 15                             | 5                      | 1981                 |
| 51. Peregrine Falcon            | 1954                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1954                 |
| 52. Prairie Falcon              | 1954                 | 28                             | 8                      | 1979, '81            |
| 53. Ring-necked Pheasant        | 1954                 | 29                             | 72                     | 1960                 |
| 54. Blue Grouse                 | 1958                 | 12                             | 13                     | 1980                 |
| 55. Wild Turkey                 | 1978                 | 2                              | 18                     | 1980                 |
| 56. Virginia Rail               | 1974                 | 9                              | 19                     | 1974                 |
| 57. Sora                        | 1974                 | 1                              | 4                      | 1974                 |
| 58. American Coot               | 1954                 | 29                             | 636                    | 1981                 |
| 59. Killdeer                    | 1954                 | 29                             | 61                     | 1981                 |

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|                                   |                      |                                | NUMBER                 | YEAR(S)             |
| 60. Common Snipe                  | 1954                 | 29                             | 45                     | 1975                |
| 61. Ring-billed Gull              | 1954                 | 29                             | 3563                   | 1977                |
| 62. California Gull               | 1973                 | 7                              | 15                     | 1982                |
| 63. Herring Gull                  | 1954                 | 27                             | 132                    | 1979                |
| 64. Thayer's Gull                 | 1975                 | 4                              | 1                      | 1975, '77, '81, '82 |
| 65. Glaucous Gull                 | 1954                 | 4                              | 1                      | 1954, '65, '71, '7  |
| 66. Rock Dove - not counted until | 1968                 | 13                             | 1422                   | 1977                |
| 67. Mourning Dove                 | 1955                 | 20                             | 100                    | 1957                |
| 68. Common Barn-Owl               | 1975                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1975                |
| 69. Eastern Screech-Owl           | 1982                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1982                |
| Screech-Owl species               | 1955                 | 19                             | 5                      | 1977                |
| 70. Great Horned Owl              | 1954                 | 28                             | 41                     | 1981                |
| 71. Northern Pygmy-Owl            | 1959                 | 10                             | 4                      | 1976                |
| 72. Long-eared Owl                | 1955                 | 18                             | 9                      | 1976                |
| 73. Short-eared Owl               | 1955                 | 7                              | 4                      | 1955                |
| 74. Belted Kingfisher             | 1954                 | 29                             | 83                     | 1981                |
| 75. Lewis' Woodpecker             | 1955                 | 4                              | 2                      | 1970, '76           |
| 76. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker      | 1970                 | 3                              | 3                      | 1980                |
| 77. Downy Woodpecker              | 1954                 | 29                             | 85                     | 1981                |
| 78. Hairy Woodpecker              | 1954                 | 29                             | 53                     | 1972, '81           |
| 79. Three-toed Woodpecker         | 1972                 | 4                              | 1                      | 1972, '74, '75, '78 |
| 80. Northern Flicker              | 1954                 | 29                             | 345                    | 1981                |
| "Red-shafted" race                | 1954                 | 29                             | 345                    | 1981                |
| "Yellow-shafted" race             | 1977                 | 4                              | 2                      | 1980                |
| 81. Vermilion Flycatcher          | 1957                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1957                |
| 82. Horned Lark                   | 1954                 | 28                             | 824                    | 1972                |
| 83. Gray Jay                      | 1968                 | 3                              | 1                      | 1968, '77, '78      |
| 84. Steller's Jay                 | 1954                 | 29                             | 546                    | 1973                |
| 85. Blue Jay                      | 1957                 | 18                             | 65                     | 1980                |
| 86. Scrub Jay                     | 1954                 | 29                             | 147                    | 1982                |
| 87. Pinyon Jay                    | 1966                 | 2                              | 4                      | 1966, '67           |
| 88. Clark's Nutcracker            | 1955                 | 9                              | 40                     | 1972                |
| 89. Black-billed Magpie           | 1954                 | 29                             | 1832                   | 1981                |
| 90. American Crow                 | 1954                 | 29                             | 721                    | 1979                |
| 91. Chihuahuan Raven              | 1971                 | 2                              | 2                      | 1973                |
| 92. Common Raven                  | 1955                 | 20                             | 162                    | 1973                |
| 93. Black-capped Chickadee        | 1954                 | 29                             | 524                    | 1977                |
| 94. Mountain Chickadee            | 1954                 | 29                             | 567                    | 1971                |
| 95. Bushtit                       | 1956                 | 11                             | 187                    | 1978                |
| 96. Red-breasted Nuthatch         | 1955                 | 24                             | 85                     | 1972                |
| 97. White-breasted Nuthatch       | 1954                 | 29                             | 91                     | 1976                |
| 98. Pygmy Nuthatch                | 1954                 | 29                             | 419                    | 1976                |
| 99. Brown Creeper                 | 1954                 | 29                             | 54                     | 1981                |
| 100. Rock Wren                    | 1954                 | 8                              | 5                      | 1970                |
| 101. Canyon Wren                  | 1954                 | 29                             | 18                     | 1958                |
| 102. Bewick's Wren                | 1961                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1961                |
| 103. House Wren                   | 1975                 | 2                              | 1                      | 1975, '79           |
| 104. Winter Wren                  | 1954                 | 14                             | 7                      | 1974                |
| 105. Marsh Wren                   | 1955                 | 12                             | 11                     | 1974                |
| 106. American Dipper              | 1954                 | 29                             | 41                     | 1981                |
| 107. Golden-crowned Kinglet       | 1954                 | 20                             | 43                     | 1971                |
| 108. Ruby-crowned Kinglet         | 1960                 | 13                             | 11                     | 1981                |
| 109. Western Bluebird             | 1974                 | 1                              | 2                      | 1974                |
| 110. Mountain Bluebird            | 1961                 | 3                              | 2                      | 1975                |
| 111. Townsend's Solitaire         | 1954                 | 29                             | 302                    | 1977                |
| 112. Hermit Thrush                | 1971                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1971                |



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| 113. American Robin             | 1954                 | 29                             | 1066                   | 1969                |
| 114. Northern Mockingbird       | 1955                 | 10                             | 2                      | 1962, '68           |
| 115. Brown Thrasher             | 1962                 | 7                              | 1                      | 1962 plus six other |
| 116. Water Pipit                | 1957                 | 15                             | 9                      | 1971                |
| 117. Bohemian Waxwing           | 1956                 | 9                              | 2922                   | 1968                |
| 118. Cedar Waxwing              | 1954                 | 13                             | 78                     | 1981                |
| 119. Northern Shrike            | 1954                 | 29                             | 18                     | 1975                |
| 120. Loggerhead Shrike          | 1955                 | 4                              | 2                      | 1979                |
| 121. European Starling          | 1954                 | 29                             | 5559                   | 1979                |
| 122. Yellow-rumped Warbler      | 1957                 | 4                              | 5                      | 1957                |
| "Myrtle" race                   | 1957                 | 2                              | 1                      | 1957, '70           |
| "Audubon's" race                | 1957                 | 2                              | 4                      | 1957                |
| 123. Pine Warbler               | 1979                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1979                |
| 124. Common Yellowthroat        | 1973                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1973                |
| 125. Rose-breasted Grosbeak     | 1977                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1977                |
| 126. Green-tailed Towhee        | 1962                 | 2                              | 1                      | 1962, '69           |
| 127. Rufous-sided Towhee        | 1954                 | 29                             | 67                     | 1970                |
| 128. Brown Towhee               | 1961                 | 1                              | 2                      | 1961                |
| 129. American Tree Sparrow      | 1954                 | 29                             | 3538                   | 1973                |
| 130. Fox Sparrow                | 1954                 | 15                             | 6                      | 1970                |
| 131. Song Sparrow               | 1954                 | 29                             | 344                    | 1981                |
| 132. Lincoln's Sparrow          | 1954                 | 9                              | 4                      | 1973                |
| 133. Swamp Sparrow              | 1954                 | 16                             | 5                      | 1977                |
| 134. White-throated Sparrow     | 1954                 | 18                             | 14                     | 1977                |
| 135. Golden-crowned Sparrow     | 1967                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1967                |
| 136. White-crowned Sparrow      | 1954                 | 29                             | 348                    | 1965                |
| 137. Harris' Sparrow            | 1955                 | 27                             | 40                     | 1969                |
| 138. Dark-eyed Junco            | 1954                 | 29                             | 2158                   | 1979                |
| "White-winged" race             | 1954                 | 29                             | 253                    | 1972                |
| "Slate-colored" race            | 1954                 | 29                             | 392                    | 1972                |
| "Oregon" race                   | 1954                 | 29                             | 923                    | 1974                |
| "Gray-headed" race              | 1954                 | 29                             | 618                    | 1974                |
| 139. McCown's Longspur          | 1978                 | 1                              | 2                      | 1978                |
| 140. Lapland Longspur           | 1972                 | 6                              | 10                     | 1976                |
| 141. Chestnut-collared Longspur | 1957                 | 2                              | 3                      | 1978                |
| 142. Snow Bunting               | 1977                 | 1                              | 2                      | 1977                |
| 143. Red-winged Blackbird       | 1954                 | 29                             | 2692                   | 1964                |
| 144. Western Meadowlark         | 1954                 | 29                             | 515                    | 1962                |
| 145. Yellow-headed Blackbird    | 1957                 | 3                              | 1                      | 1957, '68, '77      |
| 146. Rusty Blackbird            | 1959                 | 9                              | 20                     | 1981                |
| 147. Brewer's Blackbird         | 1954                 | 28                             | 619                    | 1958                |
| 148. Common Grackle             | 1959                 | 6                              | 11                     | 1976                |
| 149. Northern Oriole            | 1982                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1982                |
| "Bullock's" race                | 1982                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1982                |
| 150. Rosy Finch                 | 1954                 | 24                             | 540                    | 1972                |
| "Gray-crowned" race             | 1954                 | 21                             | 535                    | 1972                |
| "Black" race                    | 1954                 | 15                             | 25                     | 1967, '75, '76      |
| "Brown-capped" race             | 1954                 | 6                              | 208                    | 1956                |
| 151. Pine Grosbeak              | 1961                 | 8                              | 20                     | 1974                |
| 152. Purple Finch               | 1971                 | 1                              | 1                      | 1971                |
| 153. Cassin's Finch             | 1954                 | 28                             | 628                    | 1963                |
| 154. House Finch                | 1954                 | 29                             | 1897                   | 1981                |
| 155. Red Crossbill              | 1955                 | 15                             | 166                    | 1981                |
| 156. White-winged Crossbill     | 1969                 | 1                              | 75                     | 1969                |
| 157. Common Redpoll             | 1961                 | 12                             | 91                     | 1975                |
| 158. Pine Siskin                | 1954                 | 29                             | 1185                   | 1967                |
| 159. Lesser Goldfinch           | 1960                 | 7                              | 14                     | 1964                |
| 160. American Goldfinch         | 1954                 | 29                             | 651                    | 1954                |
| 161. Evening Grosbeak           | 1954                 | 24                             | 621                    | 1973                |
| 162. House Sparrow              | 1954                 | 29                             | 1495                   | 1975                |



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NOVEMBER 1983 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

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- 5-6, Saturday and Sunday. Pueblo to Colorado City area (PUEB). Leaders: Dave and Carolyn Griffiths (Sat.) and Dave Silverman (Sun.). Observers: Mel Hull, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler, Cal Wichern. (Fair and mild.) 10½ hrs.; 150 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (65 species, 2833 individuals).
- 5, Saturday. Boulder area: Gregory Canyon, Chataqua, Boulder Creek on campus, Baseline Res., Sawhill Ponds, Walden Pond, Valmont Res. (BOLD). Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Dan Bridges, Frank and Jan Justice, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode, Judy Ward. (A.M. clear, P.M. overcast; 48° to 70° F.; wind light.) 8 hrs.; 23 mi. by car, 2½ mi. on foot. (59 species, 1774 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Ruth Breckon, John Bregar, Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo, Marjorie Carlson, Warren Finch, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, John Leonard, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Vivian Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode, Sister Mary Andrew, Sister Mary Shiela, Sister Mary Walter Swann, Janet Welch, Ruth Wheeler, Vic Zerbi. (Clear to partly cloudy; 40° to 55° F.; wind calm.) 6½ hrs.; 52 mi. by car, 2 mi. on foot. (44 species, 4065 individuals).

- NOV. 13, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo, Alan Hay, John Leonard, Duane Nelson, Nicki Pliler, Hal Rupp, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Victor Zerbi. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, blowing dust; 43° to 55° F.; wind NW, 10-30, gust to 60 mph). 9 hrs.; 33 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (34 species, 3459 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. East central Colorado: Prince Res. Nos. 1 & 2, County Line Rd. to Hwy. 52, N. to I-76, Bijou Res., Jackson Res., Muir Springs. (ECCO). Observers: Larry Halsey, Doug and Judy Ward. (Cloudy to partly cloudy, blowing sand; 35° to 55° F.; strong winds in P.M.). 230 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot; 10½ hr (65 species, 5789 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WRG). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Dan Bridges, JoAnn Bushness, David LaLiberte, Roland Olderog, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Janet Welch, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy, 20° to 35° F., light wind.) 5½ hrs.; 10 mi. by car, 6 mi. on foot. (42 species, 794 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Sloan's Lake, Crown Hill Cemetery, Coors Lake, Prospect Park (NWD). Leaders: Diana and Don Mullineaux. Observers: Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo, M Canavan, D. W. King, Roland Olderog, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed. (Clear to partly cloudy; 30° to 52° F.) 6½ hrs.; 27 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (38 species, 1989 individuals).
- 24, Thursday. Chatfield State Park, gravel pits at so. end of So. Platte Park (CHAT). Observers: Frank and Jan Justice. (Partly cloudy; 28° to 45° F.; wind light). 4½ hrs.; 12 mi. by car, 1 mi. on foot. (42 species, 958 ind.).
- 26, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (cancelled due to storm).
- 27, Sunday. Bear Creek Area (cancelled due to storm).

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| Arctic Loon                 |                      |                    |                    | 2                  |                    |                  |                  | 1                  |
| Common Loon                 |                      |                    |                    | 1                  |                    |                  |                  | 5                  |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | 17                   | 19                 |                    | 3                  | 11                 | 5                | 9                | 9                  |
| Horned Grebe                | 12                   | 10                 |                    | 12                 | 9                  |                  |                  | 2                  |
| Eared Grebe                 | 27                   | 2                  |                    | 50                 | 6                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Western Grebe               | 51                   | 2                  | 6                  | 30                 | 8                  |                  |                  | 55                 |
| Double-crested Cormorant    |                      |                    |                    |                    | 11                 |                  |                  |                    |
| American Bittern            | 1                    | 1                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Great Blue Heron            |                      | 6                  | 4                  | 4                  | 3                  | 1                |                  | 1                  |
| Cattle Egret                |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Greater White-fronted Goose |                      |                    |                    |                    | 3                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Canada Goose                |                      | 160                | 1000               | 60                 | 200                | 9                | 337              | 240                |
| Wood Duck                   |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    | 3                | 6                | 2                  |
| Green-winged Teal           | 2                    | 10                 | 80                 | 10                 | 13                 | 2                |                  | 12                 |
| Mallard                     | 72                   | 25                 | 2000               | 75                 | 3125               | 18               | 426              | 75                 |
| Northern Pintail            | 12                   | 3                  | 45                 |                    | 150                |                  |                  | 3                  |
| Blue-winged Teal            |                      | 2                  |                    |                    | 2ma                |                  |                  |                    |
| Northern Shoveler           | 1                    | 4                  | 200                |                    | 22                 |                  | 175              |                    |
| Gadwall                     | 84                   | 125                | 10                 | 6                  | 80                 | 48               | 8                |                    |
| American Wigeon             | 93                   | 350                | 8                  | 4                  | 65                 | 30               | 14               | 40                 |
| Canvasback                  | 3                    |                    |                    |                    | 17                 | 2                | 1                | 13                 |
| Redhead                     | 20                   | 155                |                    |                    | 20                 | 146              | 32               | 6                  |
| Ring-necked Duck            | 16                   | 55                 |                    |                    | 20                 | 140              | 101              | 32                 |
| Lesser Scaup                | 10                   |                    |                    | 20                 | 40                 | 4                | 8                |                    |
| Common Goldeneye            |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1m1f               | 1                | 1ma              | 9                  |
| Bufflehead                  | 1                    | 4                  |                    |                    | 32                 |                  |                  | 15                 |
| Hooded Merganser            |                      | 2m2f               | 1ma                |                    | 1fe                |                  | 1ma              |                    |



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| Common Merganser            |                      |                    |                    | 1m2f               |                    |                  |                  | 10                 |
| Ruddy Duck                  | 43                   | 2f                 | 6                  | 3                  |                    | 1fe              |                  | 7                  |
| Bald Eagle                  |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  | 2ad                |
| Northern Harrier            | 3                    | 1f                 | 4                  | 1m2f               | 1m10f              | 1                |                  | 2                  |
| Northern Goshawk            |                      |                    |                    | 1ad                |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Accipiter sp.               |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Red-tailed Hawk             | 14                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| "Western" races             |                      | 5                  | 1imm               | 1imm               | 6                  | 3                |                  | 1                  |
| "Harlan's" race             |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  | 1                |                    |
| Ferruginous Hawk            | 2                    |                    | 2                  |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Rough-legged Hawk           |                      |                    | 3                  |                    | 6                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Golden Eagle                |                      |                    |                    |                    | 2ad                |                  |                  |                    |
| Fork sp.                    |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    | 1                |                  |                    |
| American Kestrel            | 12                   | 2                  | 2                  | 1                  | 11                 | 2                | 3                | 5                  |
| Merlin                      |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Prairie Falcon              | 1                    |                    |                    |                    | 2                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        | 1                    | 2                  | 2                  | 4                  |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Scaled Quail                | 2                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Virginia Rail               | 2                    |                    |                    | 1(H)               |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| American Coot               | 778                  | 320                | 3                  | 5                  | 30                 | 45               | 35               | 204                |
| Sandhill Crane              |                      |                    |                    |                    | 4                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Killdeer                    | 3                    | 7                  | 38                 | 1                  | 1                  |                  |                  | 2                  |
| American Avocet             |                      |                    | 2                  |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      |                      |                    | 1                  |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Common Snipe                |                      | 7                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Franklin's Gull             |                      |                    | 75                 |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Bonaparte's Gull            |                      |                    |                    | 1imm               | 1ad                |                  |                  |                    |
| Ring-billed Gull            | 4                    | 50                 | 8                  | 2500               | 440                | 30               | 440              | 4                  |
| California Gull             |                      |                    |                    | 50                 |                    | 1                | 1                | 1                  |
| Herring Gull                |                      |                    | 1                  | 10                 | 8                  |                  | 2                | 3                  |
| Glaucous Gull               |                      |                    |                    |                    | 2imm               |                  |                  |                    |
| Rock Dove                   | 172                  | 50                 | 1                  | 2                  | 15                 | 60               | 206              |                    |
| Mourning Dove               |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    | 6                |                  |                    |
| Great Horned Owl            | 5                    |                    |                    | 2ad                | 1ad                |                  |                  |                    |
| Belted Kingfisher           | 3                    | 5                  |                    | 1                  |                    | 1                | 1ma              |                    |
| Lewis' Woodpecker           | 18                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Downy Woodpecker            | 1                    | 3                  | 2                  | 2                  |                    | 1                |                  | 1                  |
| "Batchelder's" race         |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Western races               |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Hairy Woodpecker            |                      |                    | 1                  |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Eastern races               |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Northern Flicker            |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| "Yellow-shafted" race       |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| "Red-shafted" race          | 19                   | 7                  | 2                  | 4                  | 15                 | 6                | 4                | 4                  |
| Horned Lark                 | 58                   | 1                  | 125                | 15                 | 525                |                  |                  | 33                 |
| Steller's Jay               |                      | 13                 |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Tree Jay                    | 2                    |                    |                    | 3                  | 5                  | 5                | 2                |                    |
| Scrub Jay                   | 6                    | 1                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Black-billed Magpie         | 75                   | 13                 | 6                  | 18                 | 25                 | 20               | 19               | 14                 |
| American Crow               | 4                    | 5                  |                    |                    |                    |                  | 5                | 3                  |
| Common Raven                | 4                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Black-capped Chickadee      | 19                   | 15                 | 9                  |                    | 12                 | 12               |                  | 7                  |
| Mountain Chickadee          | 2                    | 2                  | 9                  |                    |                    | 2                |                  |                    |
| Plain Titmouse              | 1                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |

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| Red-breasted Nuthatch       |                      | 13                 |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch     | 1                    | 1                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              |                      | 4                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Brown Creeper               |                      | 5                  |                    |                    |                    | 4                |                  |                    |
| Canyon Wren                 |                      | 2                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Bewick's Wren               | 2                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| American Dipper             |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    | 2                |                  |                    |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      |                      | 1                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet        | 1                    | 3                  | 7                  |                    |                    | 1                |                  |                    |
| Mountain Bluebird           | 23                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 20                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  | 1                  |
| American Robin              | 36                   | 2                  | 1                  | 1                  | 11                 | 2                | 2                |                    |
| Water Pipit                 |                      |                    |                    |                    | 2                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Cedar Waxwing               |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  | 6                |                    |
| European Starling           | 200                  | 30                 | 100                | 350                | 190                | 75               | 80               | 45                 |
| Rufous-sided Towhee         | 7                    |                    | 3                  |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Brown Towhee                | 1                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| American Tree Sparrow       | 80                   | 68                 | 17                 | 10                 | 60                 | 9                |                  | 60                 |
| Chipping Sparrow            |                      |                    | 1                  |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Lark Bunting                |                      |                    |                    |                    | 4                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Song Sparrow                | 12                   | 16                 | 5                  | 6                  | 10                 | 16               | 10               | 6                  |
| Swamp Sparrow               |                      | 1                  |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| White-throated Sparrow      |                      |                    |                    |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| White-crowned Sparrow       | 120                  | 17                 | 4                  |                    | 65                 | 3                |                  | 4                  |
| Harris' Sparrow             | 1                    | 11                 | 3                  |                    | 6                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Dark-eyed Junco             |                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| "White-winged" race         |                      |                    | 2                  |                    | 1                  |                  |                  |                    |
| "Slate-colored" race        | 5                    |                    | 2                  | 1                  |                    | 2                |                  |                    |
| "Oregon" race               | 12                   | 1                  | 14                 | 12                 | 10                 | 5                | 3                |                    |
| "Gray-headed" race          | 1                    | 3                  | 13                 |                    |                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Lapland Longspur            |                      |                    | 3                  | 1                  | 50                 |                  |                  |                    |
| Red-winged Blackbird        | 361                  | 65                 | 200                | 3                  | 125                | 30               | 5                | 1                  |
| Western Meadowlark          | 15                   | 2                  | 23                 | 5                  | 45                 |                  |                  | 12                 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird        |                      |                    |                    |                    | 5                  |                  |                  |                    |
| House Finch                 | 94                   | 5                  | 14                 | 35                 | 45                 | 12               | 8                |                    |
| Pine Siskin                 | 29                   |                    | 15                 |                    | 50                 |                  | 2                |                    |
| American Goldfinch          | 8                    | 10                 | 5                  | 15                 | 45                 | 8                | 5                |                    |
| House Sparrow               | 128                  | 1                  | 2                  | 100                | 100                | 20               | 20               |                    |
| TOTAL SPECIES: 106          | 65                   | 59                 | 44                 | 47                 | 65                 | 42               | 38               |                    |

ABBREVIATIONS: Pl, pln, plns = plains; Ft = foothills;  
f, fe = female; m, ma = male; i, im, imm = immature; (H) =  
heard only.

#### ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1983 REPORTS:

Red-throated Loon 10/29 (1) Jumbo Res., Sedgwick Co. (RG); 11/24 (1-winter plumage) (Cherry Creek Res. (JC)(details submitted to Records Committee).  
Arctic Loon 11/6 (2) Jackson Res., Morgan Co. (JR).  
Arctic Loon - Common Loon (due to discrepancies in numbers reported at Chatfield by many observers, no specific reference made at editor's discretion).  
Am. White Pelican 11/6 (150) Empire Res., Weld/Morgan Cos.; 11/6 (50) Jackson Res. (JR).  
Am. Bittern 11/6 (1) Sawhill Ponds (LH, DJW).  
Bl. crowned Night Heron 11/19 (6) Overland Park, Denver (FJJ).

Tundra Swan 11/12 (1) Chatfield State Park (JC).  
White-fronted Goose (?) 11/12 (1 imm.) Hiram Prince Res. ("bill more orange than pink") (DJW).  
Snow Goose ("Blue" form) 11/6 (2) Jackson Res.; 11/20 (1) with 65 "White" forms flying over hogback (JR).  
Wood Duck 11/12 (10) So. Platte River Park, Littleton (FJJ); up to 4 ma & 4 fe most of month on pond at 38th and Dudley (PE).  
Blue-winged Teal 11/6 (6) Chatfield (FJJ); 11/25 (9) Waterton (LH, DJW).  
White-winged Scoter 11/12, 11/17 (1) So. Platte Park, Littleton (FJJ, AH; JC).  
Row's Goldeneye 11/3 (1 ma) Chatfield near Waterton (BD); 11/19 (1 ma) Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge (DN).  
Turkey Vulture 11/6 (1) Chatfield (FJJ).  
Sharp-shinned Hawk 11/25 (1 imm.) Waterton (LH, DJW).  
Cooper's Hawk 11/20 (1 ad.) Cherry Creek Res. (JR).  
Merlin 11/6 (1 - "Richardson's" race) intersection of Morgan Co. Rds. B&1 (JR); 11/11 (2) Waterton (FJJ); 11/22 (1) intersection of S. Simms and Bowles (KL).  
Sora 11/6 (2) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co. (LH, DJW).  
Lesser Yellowlegs 11/5 (1) Cherry Creek Res. (HK).  
Lord's Sandpiper 11/6 (1) Barr Lake State Park (JR).  
Long-billed Dowitcher 11/5 (10) Cherry Creek Res. (HK).  
Sandhill Crane 11/6 (35) flying high over Empire Res.; 11/6 (6) Jackson Res. (JR).  
Bonaparte's Gull 11/5 (3) Cherry Creek Res. (EK).  
Thayer's Gull 11/19 (1 ad.) Cherry Creek Res. (JC) (details submitted to Records Comm.)  
Say's Phoebe 11/17 (1) Chatfield S.P. (PE).  
Barn Swallow 11/6 (1 imm.) Chatfield; 11/7 (1) So. Platte River, Denver (FJJ).  
Gray Jay 11/5 (2) Brainard Lake (JC).  
House Wren 11/6 (1) Waterton bridge (FJJ).  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 11/12 (2) Waterton (HK).  
Black-throated Blue Warbler 11/3 (1 ad. ma. "killed when it flew into a window") Golden (JB).  
Hooded Warbler 11/6 (1 imm.) Walden Ponds (LH, DJW) "yellow superciliary, tail spots". (Details submitted to Records Committee).  
Field Sparrow 11/6 (1) Chatfield S.P. (KL); 11/19-21 (1) at feeder, Castlewood (PR).  
Lark Bunting 11/24 (1) north Boulder, at feeder (LH).  
Swamp Sparrow 11/24 (1 imm.) Walden Pond (DW).  
White-throated Sparrow 11/6 (1 ad.) Sawhill Ponds (LH, DJW).  
Harris' Sparrow 11/12 (1) Waterton (HK).  
Dark-eyed Junco 11/21 (1 - albino) "all white with pale buffy color on upper back", Castlewood (PR).  
Rusty Blackbird 11/19 (3) Plum Creek, Chatfield (FJJ).  
Rosy Finch 11/28 (18-Gray-crowned; 3-Hepburn ssp.; 9-Brown-capped) Coal Cr. Canyon (DN).  
Pine Grosbeak 11/14 (9) Coal Creek Canyon (DN).  
Cassin's Finch 11/5 (15) Brainard Lake (JC).  
1 Crossbill 11/5 (30) Brainard Lake (JC).

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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

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COLORADO LATILONG STUDY: Frank Justice has copies of this report (revised as of October, 1982) available for sale (\$5.00 per copy, \$4.00 for members of the Colorado Field Ornithologists). Make checks payable to C.F.O. and send to Frank Justice, 1917 S. Quitman, Denver, CO 80219. This report gives information on the distribution, abundance and habitat of Colorado birds using a plotting system based on latitudes and longitudes. It was compiled by the Colorado Field Ornithologists in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. This publication can be very useful to the Colorado birder.

BEGINNER'S BIRD WATCHING CLASS: D.F.O. members Urling and Hugh Kingery will present a class for beginning bird watchers this spring. This introduction to the amazing variety of Denver area birds teaches beginners how to identify birds in the field, using field guides. It consists of two evening sessions (Mar. 5 and Apr. 2) and six Saturday morning field trips (Mar. 10, 17, and 24; Apr. 7, 14 and 21). The field trips explore the different habitats of Chatfield, Barr Lake, Red Rocks, Cherry Creek Res., and Genesee Mtn. The first class session will go over basics of bird-watching and the second will tour bird specimens at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Tuition for the eight-session class is \$75.00.

NOTICE: Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide to Eastern Colorado" at our regular monthly meetings. Forty percent of all sales made to DFO members will be turned over to our treasury.

CARPOOL whenever possible when going on field trips. When contemplating joining a field trip, please contact the Trip Leader ahead of time so that he/she can better arrange carpooling. Expenses should be shared. Suggested cost is \$.10 per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a field trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1984

- JAN. 7, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE URBAN AREA. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800).  
1/2 day. Lunch optional. Meet at 8:00 A.M., west side of King Soopers,  
So. Federal and Belleview.
- 8, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308).  
Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the west gate of the recreation area. \*
- 14, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at  
8:00 A.M. at the north lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. \*
- 15, Sunday. BOULDER - VALMONT RESERVOIR. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977).  
Meet leader in Boulder, 8:30 A.M. at the International Pancake House,  
Baseline and Broadway or carpool at 7:45 A.M., south lot, Wheat Ridge  
Methodist Church, Wadsworth and W. 38th Ave. \*
- 21, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK and SOUTH PLATTE RIVER. Leaders: Frank and  
Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 8:00 A.M., Bear Valley Shopping Center,  
southwest of May-D&F, Hampden and Sheridan. \*
- 22, Sunday. BEAR CREEK AREA. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at  
8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Hampden  
and Sheridan. \*
- 28, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREEN BELT. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet  
at 8:00 A.M. at Prospect Park, W. 44th and about Robb Street. \*
- 29, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK AREA. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Afternoon  
Trip. Meet at 1:00 P.M. at Trading Post. Possibly Rosy Finches before or  
at sunset. Dress warm.

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